

S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

6579--A

I N S E N A T E

February 29, 2012

Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to the validity of certificates attesting to the satisfactory completion of an approved municipal police basic training program

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 209-q of the
2 general municipal law, as amended by chapter 551 of the laws of 2001, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 (b) A certificate attesting to satisfactory completion of an approved
5 municipal police basic training program awarded by the executive direc-
6 tor of the municipal police training council pursuant to this subdivi-
7 sion shall remain valid:
8 (i) during the holder's continuous service as a police officer or
9 peace officer who has an equivalency certificate for police officer
10 training or an approved course for state university of New York public
11 safety officers issued in accordance with subdivision three of section
12 eight hundred forty-one of the executive law; and
13 (ii) for two years after the date of the commencement of an inter-
14 ruption in such service where the holder had, immediately prior to such
15 interruption, served as a police officer or peace officer who has an
16 equivalency certificate for police officer training or an approved
17 course for state university of New York public safety officers issued in
18 accordance with subdivision three of section eight hundred forty-one of
19 the executive law, for less than two consecutive years; or
20 (iii) for four years after the date of the commencement of an inter-
21 ruption in such service where the holder had, immediately prior to such
22 interruption, served as a police officer or peace officer who has an
23 equivalency certificate for police officer training or an approved
24 course for state university of New York public safety officers issued in

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

LBD14342-05-2

1 accordance with subdivision three of section eight hundred forty-one of
2 the executive law, for two consecutive years or longer; [or]
3 (iv) where the holder, whose interruption in continuous service as a
4 police officer does not exceed ten years, has satisfactorily completed
5 an approved police officer refresher course or where a peace officer,
6 who seeks an equivalency certificate for police officer training or an
7 approved course for state university of New York public safety officers
8 issued in accordance with subdivision three of section eight hundred
9 forty-one of the executive law, has satisfactorily completed relevant
10 police officer training courses, as prescribed by the municipal police
11 training council; OR

12 (V) FOR UP TO A THREE YEAR PERIOD OF INTERRUPTION IN CONTINUOUS
13 SERVICE, WHERE THE HOLDER HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS POLICE OFFICER FOR AT
14 LEAST TEN YEARS AND HAS AN EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE FOR POLICE OFFICER
15 TRAINING, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT SUCH INTERRUPTION CONSISTED OF SERVING
16 AS A PEACE OFFICER FOR STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR ANY INSTRUMENTALI-
17 TIES THEREOF AND THAT SUCH SERVICE AS A PEACE OFFICER WAS SUBSTANTIALLY
18 COMPARABLE TO THE DUTIES OF A POLICE OFFICER, AS DETERMINED BY THE
19 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EMPLOYING POLICE AGENCY, AND PROVIDED FURTHER, IF
20 DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE EMPLOYING POLICE AGENCY,
21 THE HOLDER HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED RELEVANT POLICE OFFICER REFRESH-
22 ER TRAINING COURSES.

23 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
24 it shall have become a law.