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Rep. Jason Howell  
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RE: SB 237

Rep. Howell and Rep. Nunn,

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council has concerns about the proposed SB 237, which amends KRS 15.382 to exempt from a physical agility test anyone who was previously employed as a peace officer in another state for 10 years who has separated for 3 months or less and is in good standing.

The requirement to pass a physical agility test to determine whether a person can perform peace officer duties is a requirement to ensure the safety of the public, all officers, and the person applying to become a peace officer. Not all states require a physical agility test to become certified, and those states that do require such a test may not require a person to meet the same rigorous requirements that Kentucky requires. Therefore, to eliminate this requirement could increase the risk to the safety and well-being of the general public and other officers, as well as to persons who would be permitted to perform peace officer duties despite not possessing the appropriate physical suitability to do so.

It is critical to ensure that peace officers employed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are qualified to meet the physical demands of the position. SB 237, as is, does the opposite by allowing less than qualified persons to become peace officers, making the public and the entire profession less safe.

If language was added to the bill allowing for the exemption only if the applicant provided proof that they had passed a comparable physical agility test in their state of origin (like is required for reciprocity of basic training), the safety concerns cited above would be alleviated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Ratliff".

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