

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0137

Dispatchers-training requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Edwards and Senator(s)  
Barrasso and Geis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to dispatchers; authorizing the peace  
 2 officers standards and training commission to establish  
 3 standards for employment of dispatchers as specified;  
 4 providing for revocation of certification; conforming  
 5 provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9       **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-702(f)(iv) and (v),  
 10 9-1-703(b)(iv) and (ix), 9-1-704(a) and 9-1-708(a), by  
 11 creating a new subsection (f) and by renumbering (f) as (g)  
 12 are amended to read:

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14       **9-1-702. Created; membership; removal; compensation;**  
 15 **meetings; publication of procedures; standards for**  
 16 **certified training; powers and duties.**

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2 (f) The commission shall:

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4 (iv) Prescribe reasonable minimum qualifications  
5 relating solely to physical, mental and moral fitness for  
6 persons recruited, appointed or retained as peace officers  
7 or dispatchers by the state or a political subdivision;

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9 (v) Grant, suspend or revoke certification of  
10 peace officers and dispatchers for substantial failure to  
11 comply with this act or the rules of the commission,  
12 subject to the contested case procedures of the Wyoming  
13 Administrative Procedure Act.

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15 **9-1-703. Director; appointment; term; powers and**  
16 **duties.**

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18 (b) With the approval of the commission, the director  
19 may:

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21 (iv) Certify peace officers, ~~and~~ correctional  
22 officers and dispatchers who have satisfactorily completed  
23 the basic training programs as outlined in this act and  
24 issue appropriate certificates to peace officers, ~~and~~

1 correctional officers and dispatchers;

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3 (ix) Report to the commission at regular  
4 meetings of the commission and at other times as required  
5 and recommend denial, suspension or revocation of  
6 certification of a peace officer, ~~or~~ correctional officers  
7 or dispatcher to the commission as deemed necessary.

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9 **9-1-704. Qualifications for employment as a peace**  
10 **officer; loss of certification for felony conviction;**  
11 **termination from employment.**

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13 (a) Within fifteen (15) days after the appointment,  
14 termination, resignation or death of any peace officer or  
15 ~~detention officer~~ dispatcher, written notice thereof shall  
16 be given to the commission by the employing agency.

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18 **9-1-708. Certificate required for permanent**  
19 **employment; temporary employment; waiver or modification of**  
20 **training requirements; wages during training; grandfather**  
21 **provisions.**

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23 (a) Notwithstanding any general, specific or local  
24 law or charter to the contrary, except as provided in

1 subsection (b) of this section, no person shall be employed  
2 as a dispatcher on a permanent or temporary basis unless  
3 the person has been awarded a certificate by the director  
4 of the peace officer standards and training commission  
5 attesting to his satisfactory completion of a commission  
6 approved dispatcher basic training program. No county,  
7 sheriff, mayor, municipality, state agency or any other  
8 person authorized by law to employ dispatchers in this  
9 state shall employ any person as a dispatcher who does not  
10 meet the employment standards established by commission  
11 rule.

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13 (f) A person who is convicted of a felony after his  
14 employment as a dispatcher is ineligible for continued  
15 employment as a dispatcher. If the person has been  
16 certified under this section, his certification shall be  
17 automatically revoked on the date of his conviction. The  
18 director shall notify the person and the person's employing  
19 agency upon revocation of certification under this section.

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21 ~~(f)~~(g) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
22 except any dispatcher from any civil service provision or  
23 requirement.

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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