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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 493.6105, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6105 Initial application for license.—

(5) In addition to the requirements outlined in subsection
(3), an applicant for a Class "G" license must satisfy minimum
training criteria for firearms established by rule of the



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11 department, including which training criteria includes, but is
12 not limited to, 28 hours of range and classroom training
13 conducted by in-person instruction or live online instruction
14 through a secure website, provided that the applicant's
15 identity, attendance, and successful completion of training are
16 verified by the instructor. As part of his or her application,
17 the applicant must submit a training certificate to the
18 department upon completion of the training. Training must be
19 taught and administered by one or more a Class "K" licensees.
20 licensee; however, No more than 20 hours of such training may be
21 conducted in an online classroom, and 8 hours of such training
22 shall consist of in-person range training. Consistent with s.
23 493.6115, the department shall by rule establish the general
24 content and the number of hours of each subject area to be
25 taught, the method of delivery and the security protocols for
26 online training and testing, the reporting requirements for
27 verification of successful completion of training, and any other
28 rules necessary for the regulation of Class "K" licensees
29 providing in-person or online training. Upon completion of the
30 training, the instructor must submit results directly to the
31 Division of Licensing in a manner prescribed by the department.
32 The instructor must also provide a copy of the training results
33 to the applicant who completed the training. The department may
34 waive the foregoing firearms training requirement if:

35 (a) The applicant provides proof that he or she is
36 currently certified as a law enforcement officer or correctional
37 officer pursuant to the requirements of the Criminal Justice
38 Standards and Training Commission or has successfully completed
39 the training required for certification within the last 12



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40 months.

41 (b) The applicant provides proof that he or she is
42 currently certified as a federal law enforcement officer and has
43 received law enforcement firearms training administered by a
44 federal law enforcement agency.

45 (c) The applicant submits a valid firearm certificate
46 listed among those specified in paragraph (6) (a).

47 Section 2. Section 493.6132, Florida Statutes, is created
48 to read:

49 493.6132 Online training courses.-

50 (1) An online training course for a Class "D" license must
51 be conducted live and by a licensed school or training facility
52 that maintains a physical location in this state.

53 (2) A Class "K" licensed firearms instructor conducting an
54 online training course must maintain a physical location in this
55 state and must conduct online classes live at a location in this
56 state.

57 (3) An applicant may only be logged into the online
58 training course from one device at a time.

59 (4) The online training course must include, at a minimum,
60 all of the following:

61 (a) Security questions to ensure that the applicant is
62 actively using the computer or mobile device and is following
63 along with the online training.

64 (b) A minimum amount of time that each applicant must spend
65 on each screen before moving on to the next screen.

66 (c) Randomized test questions.

67 (d) A digital record of the applicant's attendance log
68 along with any components required by department rule.



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69 (5) A licensed school or training facility, or a Class "K"
70 licensee conducting an online course, must maintain records of
71 all training sessions, including the name and license number of
72 the instructor who is present online with the students while the
73 students are receiving instruction, and proof of compliance with
74 all security protocols at the school, facility, or place of
75 business in this state. The records required under this
76 subsection must be made accessible to the department's
77 investigators upon request.

78 (6) A licensed school or training facility, or a Class "K"
79 licensee conducting an online course must provide the Division
80 of Licensing with live access to each course for the purposes of
81 auditing, monitoring, or inspection as deemed necessary by the
82 division.

83 (7) If an applicant is absent during a portion of a live
84 online class, a licensed school or training facility, or a Class
85 "K" licensee conducting an online course, may deliver
86 instruction in part using recordings, as limited by department
87 rule.

88 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
89 493.6303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

90 493.6303 License requirements.—In addition to the license
91 requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each
92 individual or agency must comply with the following additional
93 requirements:

94 (4) (a) An applicant for a Class "D" license must submit
95 proof of successful completion of a minimum of 40 hours of
96 professional training at a school or training facility licensed
97 by the department. The training may be conducted by in-person



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98 instruction or online instruction presented live through a
99 secure website of the licensed school or training facility,
100 provided that the applicant's identity, attendance, and
101 successful completion of training are verified by the
102 instructor. As part of his or her application, the applicant
103 must submit the completed training certificate to the department
104 upon completion of the training. The department shall by rule
105 and in accordance with s. 493.6103 establish the general content
106 and number of hours of each subject area to be taught, the
107 method of delivery and the security protocols for online
108 training and testing, the reporting requirements for
109 verification of successful completion of training, and any other
110 rules necessary for the regulation of schools or training
111 facilities providing in-person or online training. Upon
112 completion of such training, the training facility or the
113 instructor must submit proof of completion of training for each
114 applicant to the department electronically in a manner
115 prescribed by the department. The training facility or the
116 instructor must also provide a copy of the training results to
117 the applicant who completed the training.

118 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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120 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

121 And the title is amended as follows:

122 Delete everything before the enacting clause
123 and insert:

124 A bill to be entitled
125 An act relating to online training for private
126 security officers; amending ss. 493.6105 and 493.6303,



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127 F.S.; providing that certain required training
128 criteria for Class "G" and Class "D" licenses,
129 respectively, may be conducted online; providing
130 requirements for such online training; requiring the
131 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to
132 establish certain criteria and rules for the
133 regulation of certain entities that provide online
134 training; providing reporting requirements upon
135 completion of the training; creating s. 493.6132,
136 F.S.; providing requirements for online training
137 courses for a Class "D" license; requiring entities
138 offering online training to provide the Division of
139 Licensing with live access to each course; authorizing
140 such entities to deliver online instruction using
141 recordings under certain circumstances; providing an
142 effective date.