

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Commerce and Tourism;  
and Senator Bradley

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to online training for private  
3 security officers; amending ss. 493.6105 and 493.6303,  
4 F.S.; providing that certain required training  
5 criteria for Class "G" and Class "D" licenses,  
6 respectively, may be conducted online; providing  
7 requirements for such training; requiring the  
8 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to  
9 establish certain criteria and rules for the  
10 regulation of certain entities that provide online  
11 training; providing reporting requirements upon  
12 completion of the training; creating s. 493.6132,  
13 F.S.; providing requirements for online training  
14 courses for a Class "D" license; requiring entities  
15 offering online training to provide the Division of  
16 Licensing with live access to each course; authorizing  
17 such entities to deliver online instruction using  
18 recordings under certain circumstances; providing an  
19 effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

25 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

26 (5) In addition to the requirements outlined in subsection  
27 (3), an applicant for a Class "G" license must satisfy minimum  
28 training criteria for firearms established by rule of the  
29 department, including ~~which training criteria includes~~, but ~~is~~

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30 not limited to, 28 hours of range and classroom training  
31 conducted by in-person instruction or live online instruction  
32 through a secure website, provided that the applicant's  
33 identity, attendance, and successful completion of training are  
34 verified by the instructor. As part of his or her application,  
35 the applicant must submit a training certificate to the  
36 department upon completion of the training. Training must be  
37 taught and administered by one or more a Class "K" licensees.  
38 ~~licensee; however,~~ No more than 20 hours of such training may be  
39 conducted in an online classroom, and 8 hours of such training  
40 shall consist of in-person range training that includes training  
41 on the safe handling and storage of firearms. Consistent with s.  
42 493.6115, the department shall by rule establish the general  
43 content and the number of hours of each subject area to be  
44 taught, the method of delivery and the security protocols for  
45 online training and testing, the reporting requirements for  
46 verification of successful completion of training, and any other  
47 rules necessary for the regulation of Class "K" licensees  
48 providing in-person or online training. Upon completion of the  
49 training, the instructor must submit results directly to the  
50 Division of Licensing in a manner prescribed by the department.  
51 The instructor must also provide a copy of the training results  
52 to the applicant who completed the training. The department may  
53 waive the foregoing firearms training requirement if:

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

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59 months.

60 (b) The applicant provides proof that he or she is  
61 currently certified as a federal law enforcement officer and has  
62 received law enforcement firearms training administered by a  
63 federal law enforcement agency.

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

66 Section 2. Section 493.6132, Florida Statutes, is created  
67 to read:

68 493.6132 Online training courses.—

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

72 (2) A Class "K" licensed firearms instructor conducting an  
73 online training course must maintain a physical location in this  
74 state and must conduct online classes live at a location in this  
75 state.

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

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

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

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

85 (c) Randomized test questions.

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

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88       (5) A licensed school or training facility, or a Class "K"  
89 licensee conducting an online course, must maintain records of  
90 all training sessions, including the name and license number of  
91 the instructor who is present online with the students while the  
92 students are receiving instruction, and proof of compliance with  
93 all security protocols at the school, facility, or place of  
94 business in this state. The records required under this  
95 subsection must be made accessible to the department's  
96 investigators upon request.

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

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

107       Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
108 493.6303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109       493.6303 License requirements.—In addition to the license  
110 requirements set forth elsewhere in this chapter, each  
111 individual or agency must comply with the following additional  
112 requirements:

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

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117 instruction or online instruction presented live through a  
118 secure website of the licensed school or training facility,  
119 provided that the applicant's identity, attendance, and  
120 successful completion of training are verified by the  
121 instructor. As part of his or her application, the applicant  
122 must submit the completed training certificate to the department  
123 upon completion of the training. The department shall by rule  
124 and in accordance with s. 493.6103 establish the general content  
125 and number of hours of each subject area to be taught, the  
126 method of delivery and the security protocols for online  
127 training and testing, the reporting requirements for  
128 verification of successful completion of training, and any other  
129 rules necessary for the regulation of schools or training  
130 facilities providing in-person or online training. Upon  
131 completion of such training, the training facility or the  
132 instructor must submit proof of completion of training for each  
133 applicant to the department electronically in a manner  
134 prescribed by the department. The training facility or the  
135 instructor must also provide a copy of the training results to  
136 the applicant who completed the training.

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