

SB1884



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2610/9

from Ch. 121, par. 307.9

Amends the State Police Act. Provides that preference for the hiring of a Department of State Police officer shall be given to the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, or sister of a law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Illinois
5 State Police Line of Duty Preference Act of 2021.

6 Section 5. The State Police Act is amended by changing
7 Section 9 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9)

9 Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
11 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be
12 made from those applicants who have been certified by the
13 Board as being qualified for appointment. All persons so
14 appointed shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less
15 than 21 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully
16 completed an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an
17 accredited college or university. Any person appointed
18 subsequent to successful completion of an associate's degree
19 or 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university
20 shall not have power of arrest, nor shall he or she be
21 permitted to carry firearms, until he or she reaches 21 years
22 of age. In addition, all persons so certified for appointment

1 shall be of sound mind and body, be of good moral character, be
2 citizens of the United States, have no criminal records,
3 possess such prerequisites of training, education, and
4 experience as the Board may from time to time prescribe so long
5 as persons who have an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at
6 an accredited college or university are not disqualified, and
7 shall be required to pass successfully such mental and
8 physical tests and examinations as may be prescribed by the
9 Board. All persons who meet one of the following requirements
10 are deemed to have met the collegiate educational
11 requirements:

12 (i) have been honorably discharged and who have been
13 awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign
14 Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign
15 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism
16 Expeditionary Medal by the United States Armed Forces;

17 (ii) are active members of the Illinois National Guard
18 or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces
19 and who have been awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal,
20 Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal,
21 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global
22 War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal as a result of
23 honorable service during deployment on active duty;

24 (iii) have been honorably discharged who served in a
25 combat mission by proof of hostile fire pay or imminent
26 danger pay during deployment on active duty; or

1 (iv) have at least 3 years of full active and
2 continuous military duty and received an honorable
3 discharge before hiring.

4 Preference shall be given in such appointments to persons
5 who have honorably served in the military or naval services of
6 the United States or to the son, daughter, stepson,
7 stepdaughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, or sister of a
8 law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty as
9 defined in Section 2 of the Line of Duty Compensation Act. All
10 appointees shall serve a probationary period of 12 months from
11 the date of appointment and during that period may be
12 discharged at the will of the Director. However, the Director
13 may in his or her sole discretion extend the probationary
14 period of an officer up to an additional 6 months when to do so
15 is deemed in the best interest of the Department. Nothing in
16 this subsection (a) limits the Board's ability to prescribe
17 education prerequisites or requirements to certify Department
18 of State Police officers for promotion as provided in Section
19 10 of this Act.

20 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act,
21 after July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of
22 State Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons
23 having special qualifications as special agents as he or she
24 deems necessary to carry out the Department's objectives. Any
25 such appointment or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

26 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of

1 this amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may
2 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These
3 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements
4 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be
5 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other
6 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial
7 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

8 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
9 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
10 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection
11 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on
12 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code
13 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn
14 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as
15 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
16 Code.

17 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall
18 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures
19 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this
20 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from
21 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be
22 discharged at the will of the Director.

23 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the
24 Director's authority to appoint other State Police officers
25 under subsection (a) of this Section.

26 (Source: P.A. 100-11, eff. 7-1-17; 101-374, eff. 1-1-20.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.