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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5538

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5538 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Natural Resources  
5 (Conservation) Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois  
6 is amended by changing Section 805-535 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 805/805-535) (was 20 ILCS 805/63b2.2)

8 Sec. 805-535. Conservation Police Officers. In addition to  
9 the arrest powers prescribed by law, Conservation Police  
10 Officers are conservators of the peace and as such have all  
11 powers possessed by policemen, except that they may exercise  
12 those powers anywhere in this State. Conservation Police  
13 Officers acting under the authority of this Section are  
14 considered employees of the Department and are subject to its  
15 direction, benefits, and legal protection.

16 Any person hired by the Department of Natural Resources

1 after July 1, 2001 for a sworn law enforcement position or  
2 position that has arrest authority must meet the following  
3 minimum professional standards:

4 (1) At the time of hire, the person must hold (i) a  
5 2-year degree and 3 consecutive years of experience as a  
6 police officer with the same law enforcement agency or (ii)  
7 a 4-year degree.

8 (2) The person must possess the skill level and  
9 demonstrate the ability to swim at a competency level  
10 approved by the Department in an administrative rule ~~not~~  
11 ~~less than that established by the American Red Cross for~~  
12 ~~skills equivalent to an intermediate level swimmer.~~ The  
13 Department's administrative rule must require the person  
14 to use techniques established by the American Red Cross.

15 (3) The person must successfully obtain certification  
16 as a police officer under the standards in effect at that  
17 time unless that person already holds that certification  
18 and must also successfully complete the Conservation  
19 Police Academy training program, consisting of not less  
20 than 400 hours of training, within one year of hire.

21 The Department of Natural Resources must adopt an  
22 administrative rule listing those disciplines that qualify as  
23 directly related areas of study and must also adopt, by  
24 listing, the American Red Cross standards and testing points  
25 for a skill level equivalent to an intermediate level swimmer.

26 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 92-511, eff. 1-1-02.)

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