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CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to humane special agents; amending ORS 181.610 and 181.665.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 181.610 is amended to read:

181.610. In ORS 181.610 to 181.712, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Abuse" has the meaning given the term in ORS 107.705.
- (2) "Board" means the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training appointed pursuant to ORS 181.620.
- (3) "Certified reserve officer" means a reserve officer who has been designated by a local law enforcement unit, has received training necessary for certification and has met the minimum standards and training requirements established under ORS 181.640.
- (4) "Commissioned" means an authorization granting the power to perform various acts or duties of a police officer or certified reserve officer and acting under the supervision and responsibility of a county sheriff or as otherwise provided by law.
- (5) "Corrections officer" means an officer or member of a law enforcement unit who is employed full-time thereby and is charged with and primarily performs the duty of custody, control or supervision of individuals convicted of or arrested for a criminal offense and confined in a place of incarceration or detention other than a place used exclusively for incarceration or detention of juveniles.
- (6) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- (7) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- (8) "Domestic violence" means abuse between family or household members.
- (9) "Emergency medical dispatcher" means a person who has responsibility to process requests for medical assistance from the public or to dispatch medical care providers.
- (10) "Family or household members" has the meaning given that term in ORS 107.705.
- (11) "Fire service professional" means a paid or volunteer firefighter, an officer or a member of a public or private fire protection agency that is engaged primarily in fire investigation, fire prevention, fire safety, fire control or fire suppression or providing emergency medical services, light and heavy rescue services, search and rescue services or hazardous materials incident response. "Fire service professional" does not include forest fire protection agency personnel.
- (12)(a) "Law enforcement unit" means a police force or organization of the state, a city, port, school district, mass transit district, county, county service district authorized to provide law enforcement services under ORS 451.010, Indian reservation, Criminal Justice Division of the De-

partment of Justice, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon State Lottery Commission or common carrier railroad whose primary duty, as prescribed by law, ordinance or directive, is any one or more of the following:

(A) Detecting crime and enforcing the criminal laws of this state or laws or ordinances relating to airport security;

(B) The custody, control or supervision of individuals convicted of or arrested for a criminal offense and confined to a place of incarceration or detention other than a place used exclusively for incarceration or detention of juveniles; or

(C) The control, supervision and reformation of adult offenders placed on parole or sentenced to probation and investigation of adult offenders on parole or probation or being considered for parole or probation.

(b) "Law enforcement unit" also means:

(A) A police force or organization of a private entity with a population of more than 1,000 residents in an unincorporated area whose employees are commissioned by a county sheriff; *[and]*

(B) A district attorney's office; **and**

**(C) A private, nonprofit animal care agency that has maintained an animal welfare investigation department for at least five years and has had officers commissioned as special agents by the Governor.**

(13) "Parole and probation officer" means:

(a) Any officer who is employed full-time by the Department of Corrections, a county or a court and who is charged with and performs the duty of:

(A) Community protection by controlling, investigating, supervising and providing or making referrals to reformatory services for adult parolees or probationers or offenders on post-prison supervision; or

(B) Investigating adult offenders on parole or probation or being considered for parole or probation.

(b) Any officer who:

(A) Is certified and has been employed as a full-time parole and probation officer for more than one year;

(B) Is employed part-time by the Department of Corrections, a county or a court; and

(C) Is charged with and performs the duty of:

(i) Community protection by controlling, investigating, supervising and providing or making referrals to reformatory services for adult parolees or probationers or offenders on post-prison supervision; or

(ii) Investigating adult offenders on parole or probation or being considered for parole or probation.

(14) "Police officer" means an officer, member or employee of a law enforcement unit who is employed full-time as a peace officer commissioned by a city, port, school district, mass transit district, county, county service district authorized to provide law enforcement services under ORS 451.010, Indian reservation, the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Justice, the Oregon State Lottery Commission or the Governor or who is a member of the Department of State Police and who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws of this state or laws or ordinances relating to airport security or is an investigator of a district attorney's office if the investigator is or has been certified as a peace officer in this or any other state.

(15) "Public or private safety agency" means any unit of state or local government, a special purpose district or a private firm which provides, or has authority to provide, fire fighting, police, ambulance or emergency medical services.

(16) "Public safety personnel" and "public safety officer" include corrections officers, youth correction officers, emergency medical dispatchers, parole and probation officers, police officers, certified reserve officers, telecommunicators and fire service professionals.

(17) "Reserve officer" means an officer or member of a law enforcement unit:

(a) Who is a volunteer or who is employed less than full-time as a peace officer commissioned by a city, port, school district, mass transit district, county, county service district authorized to provide law enforcement services under ORS 451.010, Indian reservation, the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of Justice, the Oregon State Lottery Commission or the Governor or who is a member of the Department of State Police;

(b) Who is armed with a firearm; and

(c) Who is responsible for enforcing the criminal laws and traffic laws of this state or laws or ordinances relating to airport security.

(18) "Telecommunicator" means any person employed as an emergency telephone worker as defined in ORS 243.736 or a public safety dispatcher whose primary duties are receiving, processing and transmitting public safety information received through a 9-1-1 emergency reporting system as defined in ORS 401.710.

(19) "Youth correction officer" means an employee of the Oregon Youth Authority who is charged with and primarily performs the duty of custody, control or supervision of youth offenders confined in a youth correction facility.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 181.665 is amended to read:

181.665. (1) Except for a person who has requested and obtained an extension from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, a person may not be employed as a police officer, or utilized as a certified reserve officer, by any law enforcement unit for more than 18 months unless:

(a) The person is a citizen of the United States; and

(b) The person has been certified as being qualified as a police officer or certified reserve officer under the provisions of ORS 181.610 to 181.712 and the certification has neither lapsed nor been revoked pursuant to ORS 181.661, 181.662 and 181.664 (1) and not been reissued under ORS 181.664 (2).

(2) The department, upon the facts contained in an affidavit accompanying the request for an extension, may find good cause for failure to obtain certification within the time period described in subsection (1) of this section. If the department finds that there is good cause for such failure, the department may extend for up to one year the period that a person may serve as a police officer or reserve officer without certification. The grant or denial of such an extension is within the sole discretion of the department.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a person employed as a police officer by any law enforcement unit shall commence the training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to 181.712 at an academy operated by the department not later than the 90th day after the date of the officer's employment by the law enforcement unit.

(4) A law enforcement unit may delay the commencement of training of a police officer for up to 120 days from the date of the officer's employment when it considers the delay necessary. When a law enforcement unit delays commencement of a police officer's training under this subsection, it shall file a written statement of its reasons with the department.

(5) When a delay in the commencement of training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to 181.712 at an academy operated by the department is caused by the inability of the department, for any reason, to provide that training, the period of such delay shall not be counted as part of the periods set forth in subsections (3) and (4) of this section within which the training must be commenced.

(6) A person utilized as a certified reserve officer by a law enforcement unit must complete the training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to 181.712 at a site approved by the department.

**(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the law enforcement unit described in ORS 181.610 (12)(b)(C) shall bear the expense of training necessary for certification under ORS 181.610 to 181.712.**

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