

House Bill 351
Police Officer Protections/Certification
Sectional Analysis

- Section 1:** Establishes guidelines for the process for the Police Officer Standards Council to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a certificate to a police officer who does not meet the standards adopted by the council. Requires a hearing and decision prior to revocation or refusal to issue a certificate.
- Section 2:** Provides that, in a hearing required by section 1 of this bill, misconduct must be proven by clear and convincing evidence.
- Section 3:** Prohibits suspension, revocation or refusal to issue a certificate based on a previous disciplinary action that has been reversed or removed.
- Section 4:** Adds court officers to the definition of “police officer.”
- Section 5:** Prohibits retaliation for a police officer who refuses to submit to a lie detector test.
- Section 6:** Allows a police officer to refuse to take a lie detector test and specifies that the request and refusal are confidential and cannot be made part of the officer’s personnel file or employment record.
- Section 7:** States that information that “personally identifies a police officer,” including a photo or home address, is confidential and specifies the limited conditions when the information can be released.
- Section 8:** Repeals AS 23.10.037 (b), which allows an employer to request that a police officer or an applicant to be a police officer submit to a lie detector test.
- Section 9:** Immediate effective date.