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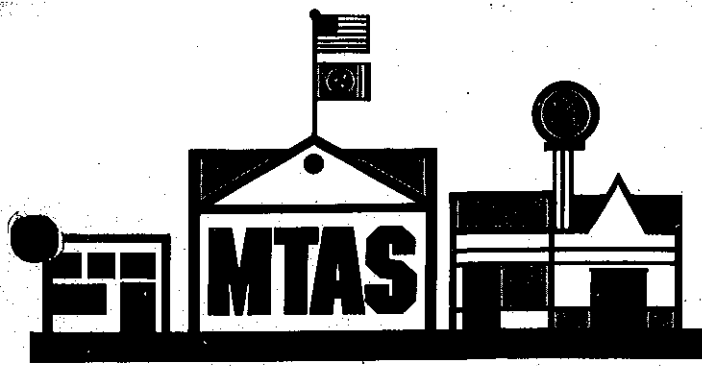
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Public Chapter No. 747 amended T.C.A., Section 38-11-105 in the following manner, effective July 1, 1982:

1. The minimum standards set forth in Chapter 11 of Title 38, T.C.A., or as adopted by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (POST) are mandatory and binding upon any municipality, county, or political subdivision of the State of Tennessee.
2. Any person who shall appoint a peace officer or sign a salary payment of a peace officer who does not meet these standards shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, when convicted, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

This act does not apply to any peace officer hired before July 1, 1982.

Pre-employment requirements as set forth in Section 38-11-106, T.C.A., are that the applicant:

1. Be at least 18 years of age;
2. Be a citizen of the United States;
3. Be a high school graduate or possess equivalency;
4. Not have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving "moral turpitude" and not have been released or discharged under any other than honorable conditions from the armed forces;
5. Have his/her fingerprints on file with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
6. Have passed a physical examination by a licensed physician;
7. Have good moral character; and
8. Be free of all apparent mental disorders.

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Evidence of compliance with these requirements must be on file with POST prior to the first day of employment.

Municipalities that hire new peace officers after July 1, 1982, should carefully review Chapter 11 of Title 38, T.C.A., and the rules of the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. The rules may be obtained by writing or calling:

Tennessee Peace Officers Standards & Training Commission
P.O. Box 140229
Donelson, TN 37214
615/741-4461 or 615/741-4448

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