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POST Update Regarding HB 292

On May 8, 2017, Governor Deal signed HB 292. In part, the bill clarifies that certain active and retired law enforcement officers shall be authorized to carry a handgun on or off duty anywhere within this state, and mandates that the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council shall issue retired identification cards to those retired officers with at least ten years of aggregate service as a law enforcement officer.

The bill also requires POST to establish criteria for determining a separation from service in good standing. POST Council is currently discussing the matter with the Attorney General's office and developing written standards for ensuring compliance with all provisions of the law.

POST Council will adopt rules to comply with the provisions of the bill. Rules are adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. The time line for implementation of these rules is January 1, 2018. This is the earliest date that this may be achieved due to the process imposed by the Administrative Procedures Act.