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Governor Brown SIGNS "Assembly Bill (AB) 2285

"Peace Officer Trainee Cheating Bill"

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On September 20, 2012, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 2285. This bill was authored by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), and sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Eng.

Assembly Bill 2285 creates a zero-tolerance policy for the breach of examinations administered within the network of 40 POST-certified academies, and holds culpable parties accountable with the assessment of a civil fine.

Assembly Bill 2285 provides that any peace officer trainee, who based on POST investigative findings, knowingly cheats, assists in cheating, or aids, abets, or knowingly conceals efforts by others to cheat in any manner on a basic course examination mandated by the Commission, be liable for a fine of not more than \$1,000 per occurrence.

As part of its mission to enhance the professionalization of California law enforcement, and as a service to its stake holders, POST develops, maintains, and disseminates high-stakes test required to be administered to students within its academies.

Over the years, police academies have been challenged by the precipitous evolution of academic dishonesty among peace officer trainees and necessitated constant adaptation by law enforcement training academies. With the passage of Assembly Bill 2285, California POST, becomes the first Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training in the nation, to legislatively sanction acts of academic dishonesty within peace officer training academies.

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