

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Amend Regulation 1015

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend Regulation 1015 to address the following change:

- Agencies in the future must submit TRRs within the fiscal year the training was completed. The fiscal year for the State of California begins on July 1 and ends on June 30.
- POST is setting an effective date of August 1, 2017 for the new reimbursement annual deadline.

The Commission approved the amendment to Regulation 1015 at the February 23, 2017 Commission meeting, subject to the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action process.

Justification

Regulation 1015- Reimbursements for Training

Since the current outstanding Training Reimbursement Request (TRR) dollar amounts are unknown to POST, Accounting cannot accurately estimate the dollar amount of backlog due to this untimely receipt of requests for reimbursement. The reverting year TRRs have to be given priority over more current submissions in order to make the cut-off for the fiscal year-end. This extra volume requires diverting additional Accounting Staff from their regular duties, when they really need to attend to year-end closing activities, and extra effort is required at year end to process reverting year TRRs, and the current system uses the current authority and funds for prior year submissions. Accepting TRRs up to 60 days after the end of the fiscal year, or August 31 is a reasonable allowance for agencies to submit reimbursements for training costs incurred.

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting California Businesses, Including Small Businesses

The Commission has made an initial determination that this regulatory proposal would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposal does not affect small businesses, as defined by Government Code section 11342.610, because the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement and does not have an impact on California businesses, including small businesses.

Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons or Businesses

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed action.

Assessment

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Considerations of Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective, and less burdensome to affected private persons that the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of the law.

Economic Impact Analysis

Impact of Jobs/New Business:

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) sets law enforcement selection and training standards for its member law enforcement agencies. Participation in POST programs, and adherence to POST regulations, is voluntary and limited to law enforcement agencies that are governmental entities. The proposed regulatory revisions pertain exclusively to peace officer training standards and requirements regarding mental illness and intellectual disability. As a result, the proposed revisions will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California.

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Benefits of Proposed Regulation:

The proposed revision addresses operations designed to alleviate a chronic backlog of reimbursements from multiple years. The new reimbursement schedule is needed to maintain efficient business operations and sustain operations under budgetary confinements. The proposed revisions will have no impact on worker safety or the State's environment.