



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1659

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-8

from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-8

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning veteran's and educational preference.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by
5 changing Section 10-2.1-8 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-8) (from Ch. 24, par. 10-2.1-8)

7 Sec. 10-2.1-8. Veteran's and educational preference.
8 Persons who have successfully obtained an associate's degree
9 in the ~~the~~ field of law enforcement, criminal justice, fire
10 service, or emergency medical services, or a bachelor's degree
11 from an accredited college or university; persons who have
12 been awarded a certificate attesting to the successful
13 completion of the Minimum Standards Basic Law Enforcement
14 Training Course as provided in the Illinois Police Training
15 Act and are currently serving as a law enforcement officer on a
16 part-time or full-time basis within the State of Illinois; and
17 persons who were engaged in the active military or naval
18 service of the United States for a period of at least one year
19 and who were honorably discharged therefrom, or who are now or
20 may hereafter be on inactive or reserve duty in such military
21 or naval service (not including, however, in the case of
22 offices, positions and places of employment in the police
23 department, persons who were convicted by court-martial of

1 disobedience of orders, where such disobedience consisted in
2 the refusal to perform military service on the ground of
3 religious or conscientious objections against war) shall be
4 preferred for appointments to offices, positions, and places
5 of employment in the fire and police departments of the
6 municipality coming under the provisions of this Division 2.1.
7 For purposes of this Section, if a person has been deployed,
8 then "active duty military or naval service of the United
9 States" includes training and service school attendance, as
10 defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d), which is ordered pursuant to 10
11 U.S.C. 12301(d). The preference points awarded under this
12 Section shall not be cumulative.

13 This amendatory Act of 1973 does not apply to any
14 municipality which is a home rule unit.

15 Persons who have participated in that municipality's
16 police explorer or cadet program may be preferred, for a
17 maximum of 2 points, for appointments to offices, positions,
18 and places of employment in municipal police departments under
19 the provisions of this Division.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-231, eff. 8-9-13.)