**Section 1720.280 Firearms Certification Program – Approval**

a) A local, State or federal law enforcement department, office or agency wishing to administer a Certification Program to qualified retired law enforcement officers who retired from that department, office or agency shall submit for approval by the Board a curriculum that complies with the requirements established by the Board as set forth in this Part.

b) The course-of-fire standards for a Certification Program must be the same as the course-of-fire used for the annual qualification for that department, office or agency's active law enforcement officers.

c) Applicants must provide evidence of a system used to comply with the requirements of the federal Act and this Subpart.

d) No law enforcement department, office or agency approved to administer a Certification Program shall knowingly certify a qualified retired law enforcement officer qualified under the federal Act to carry a concealed weapon, unless a criminal background investigation of that person has been completed and that investigation reveals no findings of guilt for any criminal offenses or evidence of any disqualifying condition specified in the Act or the FOID Card Act.

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