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as of 2/24/2011

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Military Requirements:

Not been discharged from any military service under less than honorable

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(3) A classification of an offense as a felony at the time of conviction will never be changed because Texas law has changed or because the offense would not be a felony under current Texas law.

Medical and Psychological Requirements:

An applicant must be declared in writing by that medical professional to be:

- (A) physically sound and free from any defect which may adversely affect the performance of duty appropriate to the type of license sought; and
  - (B) show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after a physical examination, blood test, or other medical test; and
- declared in writing by that professional to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health to serve as the type of officer for which the license is sought. The examination must be conducted pursuant to professionally recognized standards and methods:

Training Requirements:

Peace Officer training:

- (A) the current Texas basic peace officer course, or as an alternative to the current basic peace officer course taken at a licensed academy, the commission may approve an academic alternative program that is part of a degree plan program and consists of the commission-approved transfer curriculum, the commission-approved peace officer sequence courses, and after September 1, 2003, at least an associate's degree; or
- (B) successful completion of a commission recognized, POST developed, basic law enforcement training course, to include:
  - (i) out of state licensure or certification; and
  - (ii) submission of the current eligibility application and fee.

County Jailer training:

The current Texas basic county corrections course(s).