

# SB2991



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/5/2020, by Sen. Brian W. Stewart

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2610/9

from Ch. 121, par. 307.9

Amends the State Police Act. Provides that preference for the hiring of an Illinois State Police officer shall be given to the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, or sister of a law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Illinois  
5 State Police Line of Duty Preference Act of 2019.

6 Section 5. The State Police Act is amended by changing  
7 Section 9 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9)

9 Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the  
11 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be  
12 made from those applicants who have been certified by the Board  
13 as being qualified for appointment. All persons so appointed  
14 shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less than 21  
15 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully  
16 completed an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an  
17 accredited college or university. Any person appointed  
18 subsequent to successful completion of an associate's degree or  
19 60 credit hours at an accredited college or university shall  
20 not have power of arrest, nor shall he or she be permitted to  
21 carry firearms, until he or she reaches 21 years of age. In  
22 addition, all persons so certified for appointment shall be of

1 sound mind and body, be of good moral character, be citizens of  
2 the United States, have no criminal records, possess such  
3 prerequisites of training, education, and experience as the  
4 Board may from time to time prescribe so long as persons who  
5 have an associate's degree or 60 credit hours at an accredited  
6 college or university are not disqualified, and shall be  
7 required to pass successfully such mental and physical tests  
8 and examinations as may be prescribed by the Board. All persons  
9 who meet one of the following requirements are deemed to have  
10 met the collegiate educational requirements:

11 (i) have been honorably discharged and who have been  
12 awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign  
13 Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign  
14 Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global War on Terrorism  
15 Expeditionary Medal by the United States Armed Forces;

16 (ii) are active members of the Illinois National Guard  
17 or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces  
18 and who have been awarded a Southwest Asia Service Medal,  
19 Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal,  
20 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, or Global  
21 War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal as a result of  
22 honorable service during deployment on active duty;

23 (iii) have been honorably discharged who served in a  
24 combat mission by proof of hostile fire pay or imminent  
25 danger pay during deployment on active duty; or

26 (iv) have at least 3 years of full active and

1 continuous military duty and received an honorable  
2 discharge before hiring.

3 Preference shall be given in such appointments to persons  
4 who have honorably served in the military or naval services of  
5 the United States or to the son, daughter, stepson,  
6 stepdaughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, or sister of a  
7 law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty as  
8 defined in Section 2 of the Line of Duty Compensation Act. All  
9 appointees shall serve a probationary period of 12 months from  
10 the date of appointment and during that period may be  
11 discharged at the will of the Director. However, the Director  
12 may in his or her sole discretion extend the probationary  
13 period of an officer up to an additional 6 months when to do so  
14 is deemed in the best interest of the Department. Nothing in  
15 this subsection (a) limits the Board's ability to prescribe  
16 education prerequisites or requirements to certify Department  
17 of State Police officers for promotion as provided in Section  
18 10 of this Act.

19 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, after  
20 July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of State  
21 Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons having  
22 special qualifications as special agents as he or she deems  
23 necessary to carry out the Department's objectives. Any such  
24 appointment or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

25 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of this  
26 amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may

1 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These  
2 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements  
3 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be  
4 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other  
5 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial  
6 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

7 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made  
8 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by  
9 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection  
10 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on  
11 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code  
12 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn  
13 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as  
14 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension  
15 Code.

16 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall  
17 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures  
18 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this  
19 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from  
20 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be  
21 discharged at the will of the Director.

22 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the Director's  
23 authority to appoint other State Police officers under  
24 subsection (a) of this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-11, eff. 7-1-17; 101-374, eff. 1-1-20.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.