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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill prescribes grounds for revoking, suspending, or denying a peace officer's license. It also eliminates the requirement that the POST Board report to the legislature on the activities of the minority recruiter. Finally, the bill repeals the authority of council members of certain cities from acting as peace officers to suppress riotous or disorderly conduct.

### Section

1 **Subd. 1. Grounds for revocation, suspension or denial of a peace officer license.**

Empowers the POST board to revoke, suspend or deny a peace officer license for fraud or misrepresentations on the officer's application, failure to meet licensure requirements, or violating statutory conduct requirements.

Also provides that all licenses or privileges held by a peace officer punished under this section be subject to the same penalty as the license under which the peace officer was punished. A person whose license is revoked or suspended is ineligible to receive any other license from the board during the suspension or revocation.

**Subd. 2. Discovery of disqualifying conviction after licensure.**

Permits the POST board to suspend or revoke a peace officer's license if an officer is convicted of a crime that would have prevented the officer from receiving the license. Also, permits the POST board to suspend or revoke a peace officer's license if a conviction for such a disqualifying crime is discovered after the license is granted.

2 **Minority recruiter.** Eliminates the POST board's obligation to report to the legislature on the activities of the minority recruiter.

3 **Repealer.** Repeals the law that empowered council members from certain cities to act as peace

officers to suppress riotous or disorderly conduct. Also, eliminates a council's authority to appoint a council member or peace officer as the town constable. There are no longer town constables, the term is archaic.