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Overview

A person who wishes to take the **Minnesota Peace Officer Licensing Exam** must have successfully completed an approved degree program at an approved Minnesota postsecondary educational institution.

Individuals with more limited law enforcement education, but with certain prior relevant policing experience in another state or in the military, may instead take the **Minnesota Peace Officer Licensing Reciprocity Exam**.

However, current law restricts from taking the **Reciprocity Exam** any person *who is currently serving in active military service*, even if that person happens to otherwise be fully qualified (e.g., an active service member with 5-years experience as a military policeman – i.e., as an MP).

This bill would repeal that restriction by allowing military personnel in active service to take the **Reciprocity Exam**, provided they otherwise have the prerequisite training and experience to qualify. Nevertheless, it would continue to be the case that a person who passes that exam is not eligible to be a peace officer until being honorably discharged from the military.