

**DISPATCHER CERTIFICATION**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Blake D. Chard**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; MODIFYING DISPATCHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS; AND MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**53-6-303**, as enacted by Chapter 134, Laws of Utah 1995

**53-6-310**, as enacted by Chapter 134, Laws of Utah 1995

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53-6-303** is amended to read:

**53-6-303. Completion of certification examination required -- Persons affected.**

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person must successfully complete the basic dispatcher training course and pass the certification examination according to the requirements of this part before that person can be a certified dispatcher.

(b) A person may not exercise dispatch powers until certified.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only to persons not previously certified and who receive their first employment as a dispatcher in this state on or after July 1, 1996.

Section 2. Section **53-6-310** is amended to read:

**53-6-310. Responsibility for training -- Certification.**

(1) (a) The division [is not responsible for providing] shall provide basic [or in-service] training for certified dispatchers [except for] including approval of the instructors and content of training where required by this chapter or division rules.

(b) The division is not responsible for providing in-service training for certified dispatchers except for approval of the instructors and content of training where required by this

1 chapter or division rules.

2           (2) Where this chapter requires an agency head to certify that a member has completed  
3 required training, the division shall rely on the certification, as provided, to be accurate.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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