

Mr. Herman provided some background for the regulation. He explained changes in federal law in 2004 provided for active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms, but at that time, Pennsylvania did not have a mechanism to provide identification cards to those officers. Consequently, Pennsylvania enacted the Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act in 2005. Changes were made to the federal law in 2010, such as lowering the number of years of experience in law enforcement to ten and changing terminology to “separated” instead of “retired,” Mr. Herman explained, and this regulation is in response to those changes.

Commissioner Faber asked about the purpose of the original federal law. Mr. Herman explained his understanding is that it arose out of public safety concerns after 9/11 because there was no uniform enactment that law enforcement was able to carry concealed firearms interstate. Commissioner Faber asked about the extension to “separated” law enforcement personnel. Mr. Herman clarified that the original enactment in 2004 added sections to existing law providing qualifications to carry concealed firearms and the 2010 changes provided for officers that have separated, but not necessarily formally retired, to also carry. Commissioner Faber read from the eligibility section of the regulation and asked if a separated or retired law enforcement officer would be required to maintain continuing training like an active law enforcement officer. Mr. Herman confirmed the separated or retired officer would be required to qualify on a course of fire at least once a year.

Vice Chairman Bedwick made a motion for approval. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

2. No. 3056 Department of Banking and Securities #3-52: Debt Management Services Continuing Education

Mr. Schalles explained the regulation establishes continuing education requirements for credit counselors and supervisors, as required by Debt Management Services Act. He said no comments were received on the proposed or final versions and the regulation was deemed to be approved by the legislative standing committees.

Sarah Sedlak, Assistant Counsel, Department of Banking and Securities, was present to answer any questions. Ms. Sedlak explained the regulation implements the requirements of the Debt Management Services Act and said the Department of Banking and Securities sought to strike a balance between the mandates of the law and the amount of burden placed on the regulated community.

Chairman Mizner made a motion for approval. Vice Chairman Bedwick seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Vouchers

Commissioner Watson made motions to approve vouchers and expenses for the period October 24, 2014 through November 6, 2014. Commissioner Faber seconded, and the motions passed 4-0.

V. DATE AND PLACE OF SUBSEQUENT MEETING

Vice Chairman Bedwick announced that the next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 11:00 in the 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg. He stated that no regulations are scheduled for review since the legislature adjourned sine die on November 12, 2014. The purpose of the meeting is for the Commission to receive feedback on the regulatory review process. Chairman Mizner said the Commission is always looking to improve and see how to serve better.

The public meeting recessed at 10:18 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

VI. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

A. ACTION ITEMS

3. No. 3076 State Board of Education #6-332: Student Attendance

Corinne Brandt, Regulatory Analyst, explained the regulation amends existing Student Attendance regulations relating to compulsory school age to be consistent with student attendance requirements of the Public School Code. These amendments conform to a Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling which determined that once a parent/guardian enrolls their child in kindergarten, they are subject to compulsory school attendance requirements. She said no comments have been received and the regulation was deemed to be approved by the legislative standing committees.

Greg Dunlap, Attorney, Honorable Carolyn Dumaresq, Acting Secretary, Department of Education, and John Jewett, Acting Executive Director, State Board of Education, were present to answer any questions.

Acting Secretary Dumaresq briefly remarked that the regulation provides “once you are enrolled, you’re enrolled.”

Commissioner Faber noted he has no issues with the regulation, but asked how parents will be made aware of the rules at the time of enrollment. Acting Secretary Dumaresq confirmed the Department of Education will reissue its Basic Education Circular regarding attendance to make sure parents understand compulsory attendance rules when they enroll.

Commissioner Faber made a motion for approval. Commissioner Watson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Bedwick announced that no executive session would be held.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Bedwick announced the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.