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H.B. No. 2437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an oath for peace officers and reserve law enforcement
3 officers.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 1701.3095 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1701.3095. REQUIRED OATH FOR OFFICERS. (a) The
8 commission shall require each person who passes the examination
9 required under this chapter for the issuance of a license as an
10 officer to sign and submit to the commission the following oath:

11 I solemnly swear (or affirm) that, as an officer:

12 I pledge allegiance to the United States Constitution, and to
13 the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
14 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

15 I will recognize that the authority to perform my duties and
16 powers requires the approval of my actions and behavior by the
17 people.

18 I will recognize that the test of domestic tranquility is the
19 extent of support and participation of the people, and crime and
20 disorder is a breach of that tranquility.

21 I will recognize that the protection of the general welfare
22 includes responding to crime and disorder and the cooperation and
23 compliance of individuals with whom I will have contact in the due
24 course of law.

1 I will recognize that the use of physical force is authorized
2 by the people only when persuasion and warnings are insufficient,
3 and only to the degree immediately necessary to restore a safe
4 environment.

5 (b) The commission shall prescribe a form for the oath
6 required by Subsection (a).

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.