

AN ACT

relating to education and training for peace officers on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253(j), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete a 40-hour statewide education and training program on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments. The program must include instruction on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including instruction on techniques for recognizing symptoms, communicating effectively, employing alternatives to physical restraints, and identifying signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. An officer shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency certificate, whichever date is earlier. An officer may not satisfy the requirements of this subsection or Section 1701.402(g) by taking an online course on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques to facilitate interaction with persons with mental impairments.

1 SECTION 2. Not later than April 1, 2024, the Texas
2 Commission on Law Enforcement shall revise the commission's
3 education and training programs as necessary to implement the
4 changes in law made by this Act.

5 SECTION 3. Section [1701.253\(j\)](#), Occupations Code, as
6 amended by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an
7 application for a peace officer license under Chapter [1701](#),
8 Occupations Code, on or after April 1, 2024. A person who submits
9 an application for a peace officer license under Chapter [1701](#),
10 Occupations Code, before April 1, 2024, is governed by the law in
11 effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the
12 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 568 was passed by the House on April 14, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 568 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor