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S.B. No. 1449

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Harris County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 281.057(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar County Hospital District, ~~the~~ the El Paso County Hospital District, or the Harris County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers for the district.

SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace officers:

(1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter

1 1701, Occupations Code;

2 (4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve  
3 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the  
4 Director of the Department of Public Safety;

5 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
6 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

7 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
8 Beverage Commission;

9 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit  
10 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

11 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,  
12 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

13 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
14 Commission;

15 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
16 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

17 (11) officers commissioned under Chapter 23,  
18 Transportation Code;

19 (12) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
20 security officers;

21 (13) security officers and investigators commissioned  
22 as peace officers by the comptroller;

23 (14) officers commissioned by a water control and  
24 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

25 (15) officers commissioned by a board of trustees  
26 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

27 (16) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical

1 Board;

2 (17) officers commissioned by:

3 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
4 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
5 County Hospital District, ~~[or]~~ the El Paso County Hospital  
6 District, or the Harris County Hospital District under Section  
7 [281.057](#), Health and Safety Code;

8 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
9 Hospital District under Section [1024.117](#), Special District Local  
10 Laws Code;

11 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County  
12 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section [1061.121](#),  
13 Special District Local Laws Code; and

14 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock  
15 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section  
16 [1053.113](#), Special District Local Laws Code;

17 (18) county park rangers commissioned under  
18 Subchapter E, Chapter [351](#), Local Government Code;

19 (19) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
20 Commission;

21 (20) officers commissioned under Chapter [554](#),  
22 Occupations Code;

23 (21) officers commissioned by the governing body of a  
24 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section [451.108](#),  
25 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority  
26 under Section [452.110](#), Transportation Code;

27 (22) investigators commissioned by the attorney

- 1 general under Section [402.009](#), Government Code;
- 2           (23) security officers and investigators commissioned  
3 as peace officers under Chapter [466](#), Government Code;
- 4           (24) officers appointed by an appellate court under  
5 Subchapter [F](#), Chapter [53](#), Government Code;
- 6           (25) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal  
7 under Chapter [417](#), Government Code;
- 8           (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
9 of insurance under Section [701.104](#), Insurance Code;
- 10           (27) apprehension specialists and inspectors general  
11 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers  
12 under Sections [242.102](#) and [243.052](#), Human Resources Code;
- 13           (28) officers appointed by the inspector general of  
14 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section [493.019](#),  
15 Government Code;
- 16           (29) investigators commissioned by the Texas  
17 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section [1701.160](#), Occupations  
18 Code;
- 19           (30) commission investigators commissioned by the  
20 Texas Private Security Board under Section [1702.061](#), Occupations  
21 Code;
- 22           (31) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
23 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
24 Chapter [775](#), Health and Safety Code;
- 25           (32) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
26 Dental Examiners under Section [254.013](#), Occupations Code, subject  
27 to the limitations imposed by that section;

1           (33) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile  
2 Justice Department as officers under Section [221.011](#), Human  
3 Resources Code; and

4           (34) the fire marshal and any related officers,  
5 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
6 Subchapter [B](#), Chapter [352](#), Local Government Code.

7           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.