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H.B. No. 875

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of
3 Dental Examiners.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

15 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
16 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
17 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
18 1701, Occupations Code;

19 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
20 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
21 Safety;

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

24 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic

1 Beverage Commission;

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

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

6 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
7 Commission;

8 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
9 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

10 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
11 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport
12 that serves commercial air carriers;

13 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
14 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
15 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
16 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

17 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
18 security officers;

19 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
20 as peace officers by the comptroller;

21 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and
22 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

23 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
24 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

25 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas State
26 Board of Medical Examiners;

27 (18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of

1 the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital
2 District, or the Bexar County Hospital District under Section
3 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

4 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
5 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

6 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
7 Commission;

8 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
9 Occupations Code;

10 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
11 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
12 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
13 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

14 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
15 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

16 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
17 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

18 (25) an officer employed by the Texas Department of
19 Health under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;

20 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under
21 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

22 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
23 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

24 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
25 of insurance under Article 1.10D, Insurance Code;

26 (29) apprehension specialists commissioned by the
27 Texas Youth Commission as officers under Section 61.0931, Human

1 Resources Code;

2 (30) officers appointed by the executive director of
3 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
4 Government Code;

5 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on
6 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section
7 1701.160, Occupations Code;

8 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
9 Texas Commission on Private Security under Section 1702.061(f),
10 Occupations Code; ~~and~~

11 (33) the fire marshal, and any investigators
12 commissioned by an emergency services district to assist that fire
13 marshal, under Subchapter F, Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
14 and

15 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
16 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
17 to the limitations imposed by that section.

18 SECTION 2. Chapter 254, Occupations Code, is amended by
19 adding Section 254.013 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 254.013. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may commission
21 as a peace officer to enforce this subtitle an employee who has been
22 certified as qualified to be a peace officer by the Commission on
23 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

24 (b) An employee commissioned as a peace officer under this
25 subtitle has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a peace
26 officer while carrying out duties as a peace officer under this
27 subtitle.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.