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H.B. No. 875

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 875:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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.

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

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

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

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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