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S.B. No. 801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of peace officers commissioned by certain hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The primary jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes the property owned or controlled by the district that employs the peace officer and any street abutting, right-of-way over or through, or easement in the property.

(c) In a district peace officer's primary jurisdiction, the peace officer has the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure. The [A district] peace officer may also make an arrest without a warrant in the officer's primary jurisdiction if[+

~~[(1) the arrest is necessary to prevent or abate the commission of a criminal offense and the offense or threatened offense occurs on any land, easement, right-of-way, or other property owned and controlled by the district; or~~

~~[(2)]~~ the offense involves injury or harm to any property owned or controlled by the district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.