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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to benefits from the Employees Retirement System of Texas
3 for law enforcement officers commissioned by the Texas Department
4 of Insurance or the state fire marshal.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 811.001(9), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (9) "Law enforcement officer" means a member of the
9 retirement system who:

10 (A) has been commissioned as a law enforcement
11 officer by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic
12 Beverage Commission, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, the Texas
13 Department of Insurance, the state fire marshal, or the Parks and
14 Wildlife Department; and

15 (B) [~~who~~] is recognized as a commissioned law
16 enforcement officer by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
17 Standards and Education.

18 SECTION 2. Section 814.104(b), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (b) A member who is at least 55 years old and who has at
21 least 10 years of service credit as a commissioned peace officer
22 engaged in criminal law enforcement activities of the Department of
23 Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas
24 State Board of Pharmacy, the Texas Department of Insurance, the

1 state fire marshal, or the Parks and Wildlife Department, or as a
2 custodial officer, is eligible to retire and receive a service
3 retirement annuity.

4 SECTION 3. Section 815.505, Government Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 815.505. CERTIFICATION OF NAMES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
7 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS. Not later than the 12th day of the month
8 following the month in which a person begins or ceases employment as
9 a law enforcement officer or custodial officer, the Public Safety
10 Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Parks and
11 Wildlife Commission, the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, the Board
12 of Pardons and Paroles, the Texas Department of Insurance, the
13 state fire marshal, or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, as
14 applicable, shall certify to the retirement system, in the manner
15 prescribed by the system, the name of the employee and such other
16 information as the system determines is necessary for the crediting
17 of service and financing of benefits under this subtitle.

18 SECTION 4. Before October 1, 2005, the Texas Department of
19 Insurance and the state fire marshal shall certify to the Employees
20 Retirement System of Texas, in the manner prescribed by the system:

21 (1) the name of each person employed by the Texas
22 Department of Insurance and the state fire marshal, as applicable,
23 on September 1, 2005, as a law enforcement officer as defined by
24 Section 811.001, Government Code, as amended by this Act; and

25 (2) any other information the system determines is
26 necessary for the crediting of service and financing of benefits
27 for law enforcement officers employed by the Texas Department of

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1 Insurance and the state fire marshal, as applicable, under Subtitle
2 B, Title 8, Government Code.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.