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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to peace officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of 3 Podiatric Medical Examiners. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, as 5 6 amended by Chapters 235, 474, and 930, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is reenacted and amended to read as follows: 7 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace 8 officers: 9 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, 10 and those reserve 11 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under 12 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code; 13 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve 14 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued 15 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code; (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated 16 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers 17 18 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code; 19 rangers and officers commissioned by the Public (4) 20 21 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public 22 Safety; investigators of the district attorneys', criminal 23 (5) 24 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

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(18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of
 the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital
 District, or the Bexar County Hospital District under Section
 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

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

7 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing 8 Commission;

9 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554, 10 Occupations Code;

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

15 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney 16 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

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

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

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

(27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshalunder Chapter 417, Government Code;

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

27 (29) apprehension specialists commissioned by the

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1 Texas Youth Commission as officers under Section 61.0931, Human 2 Resources Code;

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

6 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on
7 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section
8 1701.160, Occupations Code;

9 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the 10 Texas Commission on Private Security under Section 1702.061(f), 11 Occupations Code;

12 (33) the fire marshal[7] and any officers, inspectors, 13 or investigators commissioned by an emergency services district [to 14 assist that fire marshal,] under [Subchapter F,] Chapter 775, 15 Health and Safety Code; [and]

16 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of 17 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject 18 to the limitations imposed by that section<u>; and</u>

(35) officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of
 Podiatric Medical Examiners under Section 202.162, Occupations
 Code, subject to limitations imposed by that section.

22 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 202, Occupations Code, is 23 amended by adding Section 202.162 to read as follows:

24 <u>Sec. 202.162. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may commission</u> 25 <u>as a peace officer to enforce this chapter an employee who holds a</u> 26 <u>peace officer license issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement</u> 27 Officer Standards and Education under Chapter 1701.

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(b) An employee commissioned as a peace officer under this
 section has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a peace
 officer while enforcing this chapter.
 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.