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S.B. No. 262

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 State Board
4 of Pharmacy.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subdivision (9), Section 811.001, Government
7 Code, is amended 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 State Board of Pharmacy,~~] or the Parks
13 and Wildlife Department; and

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

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

19 (b) A member who is at least 55 years old and who has at
20 least 10 years of service credit as a commissioned peace officer
21 engaged in criminal law enforcement activities of the Department of
22 Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, [~~the State
23 Board of Pharmacy,~~] or the Parks and Wildlife Department, or as a
24 custodial officer, is eligible to retire and receive a service

1 retirement annuity.

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

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

15 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a person who begins employment as a law enforcement officer of
17 the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on or after the effective date of
18 this Act. A person who begins employment as a law enforcement
19 officer of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy before the effective
20 date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately
21 before the effective date of this Act, and that former law is
22 continued in effect for that purpose.

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