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S.B. No. 603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an education and training program on handling the
3 arrest of a foreign national.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

7 (j) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
8 commission shall establish a statewide comprehensive education and
9 training program on handling the arrest and detention of a foreign
10 national in a manner consistent with the procedures of the
11 Department of Public Safety. An officer shall complete a program
12 established under this subsection not later than the second
13 anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter
14 or the date the officer applies for an intermediate proficiency
15 certificate, whichever date is earlier.

16 SECTION 2. Section 1701.402, Occupations Code, is amended
17 by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

18 (g) As a requirement for an intermediate proficiency
19 certificate, an officer must complete an education and training
20 program on the requirements for handling the arrest of a foreign
21 national that are established by the commission under Section
22 1701.253(j).

23 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2006, the
24 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education shall

1 establish the curriculum for a comprehensive education and training
2 program for peace officers as required by Subsection (j), Section
3 1701.253, and Subsection (g), Section 1701.402, Occupations Code,
4 as added by this Act.

5 (b) A person who, on September 1, 2005, holds an
6 intermediate proficiency certificate issued under Section
7 1701.402, Occupations Code, or has held a peace officer license
8 issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and
9 Education for more than two years shall complete an educational
10 training program on the requirements for handling the arrest of a
11 foreign national that are established under Subsection (j), Section
12 1701.253, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, not later than
13 September 1, 2007.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.