

Amend CSHB 12 (Senate committee printing) by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill to read as follows and renumbering remaining SECTIONS:

SECTION __. Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Sec. 614.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Law enforcement agency" means the Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and Parks and Wildlife Department.

(2) "Law enforcement officer" means a person who:

(A) is a commissioned peace officer;

(B) is employed by a law enforcement agency; and

(C) is compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 614.152. PHYSICAL FITNESS AND APPEARANCE STANDARDS.

(a) Out of appropriated funds, each law enforcement agency shall adopt physical fitness and appearance standards that a law enforcement officer must meet to continue employment with the agency as a law enforcement officer. The standards adopted by a law enforcement agency other than the Department of Public Safety must be at least as stringent as the standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety. Except as provided by Subsection (b), a violation of a standard adopted under this subsection is just cause to discharge an officer or transfer an officer to a position that is not compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

(b) A law enforcement agency may exempt a law enforcement officer from a standard under Subsection (a) based on the facts and circumstances of the individual case, including whether an officer was injured in the line of duty.

SECTION __. Not later than November 1, 2007, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Parks and Wildlife Department shall each adopt the standards required by

Section 614.152, Government Code, as added by this Act.