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H.B. No. 2586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the State Board of Veterinary Medical  
3 Examiners to commission a peace officer.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 801.163 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 801.163. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may commission  
8 as a peace officer to enforce this chapter an employee who has been  
9 certified as qualified to be a peace officer by the Commission on  
10 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

11 (b) An employee commissioned as a peace officer under this  
12 section has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a peace  
13 officer while carrying out duties as a peace officer under this  
14 chapter.

15 SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace  
18 officers:

19 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve  
20 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under  
21 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

22 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve  
23 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
24 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1           (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
2 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
3 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
4 1701, Occupations Code;

5           (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public  
6 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public  
7 Safety;

8           (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
9 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

10          (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
11 Beverage Commission;

12          (7) each member of an arson investigating unit  
13 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

14          (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,  
15 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

16          (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
17 Commission;

18          (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
19 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

20          (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city  
21 with a population of more than 1.18 million that operates an airport  
22 that serves commercial air carriers;

23          (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace  
24 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this  
25 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that  
26 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

27          (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and

1 security officers;

2 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned  
3 as peace officers by the comptroller;

4 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and  
5 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

6 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees  
7 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

8 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical  
9 [~~State~~] Board [~~of Medical Examiners~~];

10 (18) officers commissioned by the board of managers of  
11 the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital  
12 District, or the Bexar County Hospital District under Section  
13 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

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

16 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
17 Commission;

18 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,  
19 Occupations Code;

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

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

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

1 (25) an officer employed by the [~~Texas~~] Department of  
2 State Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety  
3 Code;

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

6 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal  
7 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

8 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
9 of insurance under Section 701.104 [~~Article 1.10D~~], Insurance Code;

10 (29) apprehension specialists commissioned by the  
11 Texas Youth Commission as officers under Section 61.0931, Human  
12 Resources Code;

13 (30) officers appointed by the executive director of  
14 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
15 Government Code;

16 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on  
17 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section  
18 1701.160, Occupations Code;

19 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the  
20 Texas [~~Commission on~~] Private Security Board under Section  
21 1702.061(f), Occupations Code;

22 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
23 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
24 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code; [~~and~~]

25 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
26 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
27 to the limitations imposed by that section; and

1           (35) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
2 Veterinary Medical Examiners under Section 801.163, Occupations  
3 Code.

4           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, 2007.