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H.B. No. 2870

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the requirement that certain state and local
3 governmental entities designate a firearms proficiency officer and
4 require weapons proficiency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1701.355(a), Occupations Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) An agency that employs one or more [~~at least two~~] peace
9 officers shall designate a firearms proficiency officer and require
10 each peace officer the agency employs to demonstrate weapons
11 proficiency to the firearms proficiency officer at least annually.
12 The agency shall maintain records of the weapons proficiency of the
13 agency's peace officers.

14 SECTION 2. A law enforcement agency affected by the change
15 in law made by this Act shall designate a firearms proficiency
16 officer not later than March 1, 2010. For purposes of this section,
17 a state or local governmental entity that employs one or more peace
18 officers is a law enforcement agency.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.