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H.B. No. 375

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of  
3 Veterinary Medical Examiners.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace  
8 officers:

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

12 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve  
13 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
14 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

15 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
16 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
17 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
18 1701, Occupations Code;

19 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public  
20 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public  
21 Safety;

22 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
23 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

24 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic

1 Beverage Commission;

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

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

6 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
7 Commission;

8 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
9 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

10 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city  
11 with a population of more than 1.18 million located primarily in a  
12 county with a population of 2 million or more that operates an  
13 airport that serves commercial air carriers;

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

18 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
19 security officers;

20 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned  
21 as peace officers by the comptroller;

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

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

26 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical  
27 Board;

1 (18) officers commissioned by:

2 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
3 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
4 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District  
5 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code; and

6 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
7 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local  
8 Laws Code;

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

11 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
12 Commission;

13 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,  
14 Occupations Code;

15 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a  
16 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,  
17 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority  
18 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

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

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

23 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State  
24 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;

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

27 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal

1 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

2 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
3 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

4 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general  
5 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers  
6 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;

7 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of  
8 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
9 Government Code;

10 (31) investigators commissioned by the Commission on  
11 Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under Section  
12 1701.160, Occupations Code;

13 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the  
14 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),  
15 Occupations Code;

16 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
17 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
18 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

19 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
20 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
21 to the limitations imposed by that section;

22 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile  
23 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human  
24 Resources Code; ~~and~~

25 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,  
26 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
27 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code; and

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

4           SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 801.163 to read as follows:

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

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

14           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.