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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the training for and use of electromagnetic pulse devices by peace officers and reserve law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.260 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.260. ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE DEVICES; TRAINING.

(a) In this section, "electromagnetic pulse device" means a portable device designed to generate a high amplitude electric field capable of disabling an electronic system without causing permanent damage to the system.

(b) The commission by rule shall:

(1) designate an electromagnetic pulse device for use in disabling a motor vehicle if the commission determines the device is suitable for use by officers; and

(2) establish a voluntary training program for officers licensed under this chapter that provides instruction in the use of the electromagnetic pulse devices determined suitable by the commission.

(c) The commission shall administer the electromagnetic pulse device training program and shall issue a certificate of proficiency to each officer the commission determines has successfully completed the training program.

(d) The commission may establish reasonable and necessary

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1 fees for the administration of this section.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.