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H.B. No. 503

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 503:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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;

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

9 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
10 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
11 Special District Local Laws Code;

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

14 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
15 Commission;

16 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
17 Occupations Code;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
11 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
12 Government Code;

13 (31) investigators commissioned by the Texas
14 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
15 Code;

16 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
17 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),
18 Occupations Code;

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

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

25 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
26 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human
27 Resources Code; [~~and~~]

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

4 (37) officers commissioned by the State Board of
5 Veterinary Medical Examiners under Section 801.164, Occupations
6 Code.

7 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 801.164 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 801.164. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may commission
10 as a peace officer to enforce this chapter an employee who has been
11 certified as qualified to be a peace officer by the Texas Commission
12 on Law Enforcement.

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

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.