

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1959
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 May 6, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-5 Nays 2; May 6, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of
 1-18 Veterinary Medical Examiners.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace
 1-23 officers:

1-24 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve
 1-25 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
 1-26 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-27 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve
 1-28 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued
 1-29 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1-30 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated
 1-31 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers
 1-32 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter
 1-33 1701, Occupations Code;

1-34 (4) rangers and officers commissioned by the Public
 1-35 Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public
 1-36 Safety;

1-37 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal
 1-38 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

1-39 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic
 1-40 Beverage Commission;

1-41 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit
 1-42 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

1-43 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,
 1-44 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

1-45 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services
 1-46 Commission;

1-47 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the
 1-48 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-49 (11) airport police officers commissioned by a city
 1-50 with a population of more than 1.18 million located primarily in a
 1-51 county with a population of 2 million or more that operates an
 1-52 airport that serves commercial air carriers;

1-53 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace
 1-54 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this
 1-55 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that
 1-56 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

1-57 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and
 1-58 security officers;

1-59 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned
 1-60 as peace officers by the comptroller;

1-61 (15) officers commissioned by a water control and

2-1 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
2-2 (16) officers commissioned by a board of trustees
2-3 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
2-4 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical
2-5 Board;
2-6 (18) officers commissioned by:
2-7 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County
2-8 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar
2-9 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District
2-10 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
2-11 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County
2-12 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local
2-13 Laws Code; and
2-14 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
2-15 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
2-16 Special District Local Laws Code;
2-17 (19) county park rangers commissioned under
2-18 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;
2-19 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing
2-20 Commission;
2-21 (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,
2-22 Occupations Code;
2-23 (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a
2-24 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
2-25 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority
2-26 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
2-27 (23) investigators commissioned by the attorney
2-28 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
2-29 (24) security officers and investigators commissioned
2-30 as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;
2-31 (25) an officer employed by the Department of State
2-32 Health Services under Section 431.2471, Health and Safety Code;
2-33 (26) officers appointed by an appellate court under
2-34 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
2-35 (27) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal
2-36 under Chapter 417, Government Code;
2-37 (28) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
2-38 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
2-39 (29) apprehension specialists and inspectors general
2-40 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers
2-41 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;
2-42 (30) officers appointed by the inspector general of
2-43 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
2-44 Government Code;
2-45 (31) investigators commissioned by the Texas
2-46 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
2-47 Code;
2-48 (32) commission investigators commissioned by the
2-49 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061(f),
2-50 Occupations Code;
2-51 (33) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or
2-52 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under
2-53 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;
2-54 (34) officers commissioned by the State Board of
2-55 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
2-56 to the limitations imposed by that section;
2-57 (35) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile
2-58 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human
2-59 Resources Code; ~~and~~
2-60 (36) the fire marshal and any related officers,
2-61 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under
2-62 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code; and
2-63 (37) officers commissioned by the State Board of
2-64 Veterinary Medical Examiners under Section 801.164, Occupations
2-65 Code.

2-66 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is
2-67 amended by adding Section 801.164 to read as follows:

2-68 Sec. 801.164. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may
2-69 commission as a peace officer to enforce this chapter an employee

3-1 who has been certified as qualified to be a peace officer by the
3-2 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

3-3 (b) An employee commissioned as a peace officer under this
3-4 chapter has the powers, privileges, and immunities of a peace
3-5 officer while carrying out duties as a peace officer under this
3-6 chapter.

3-7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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