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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

- 2 relating to preventing racial profiling and video and audio
- 3 equipment and recordings of certain law enforcement motor vehicle
- 4 stops; creating an offense.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Article 2.131, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Art. 2.131. RACIAL PROFILING PROHIBITED. A peace officer
- 9 may not engage in an act of racial profiling, as defined by the
- 10 written policy required by Section 1701.702, Occupations Code, and
- 11 adopted by the law enforcement agency employing the officer.
- 12 SECTION 2. Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by
- 13 adding Subchapter O and adding a subchapter heading to read as
- 14 follows:

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- 15 SUBCHAPTER O. RACIAL PROFILING; MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS
- 16 SECTION 3. Articles 2.132, 2.133, 2.134, 2.135, 2.136,
- 17 2.137, 2.138, and 2.1385, Code of Criminal Procedure, are
- 18 transferred to Subchapter O, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, as
- 19 added by this Act, redesignated as Sections 1701.701, 1701.702,
- 20 1701.704, 1701.705, 1701.707, 1701.708, 1701.709, 1701.710,
- 21 1701.711, 1701.712, 1701.713, 1701.714, 1701.715, and 1701.716,
- 22 Occupations Code, and amended to read as follows:
- 23 Sec. 1701.701. DEFINITIONS. [Art. 2.132. LAW ENFORCEMENT
- 24 POLICY ON RACIAL PROFILING. (a) In this subchapter [article]:

- 1 (1) "Department" means the Department of Public
- 2 Safety.
- 3 (2) "Law enforcement agency" means an agency of the
- 4 state, or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision
- 5 of the state, that employs peace officers who make motor vehicle
- 6 stops in the routine performance of the officers' official duties.
- 7 $\underline{(3)}$ [$\underline{(2)}$] "Motor vehicle stop" means an occasion in
- 8 which a peace officer stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation
- 9 of a law or ordinance.
- 10 $\underline{(4)}$ [$\overline{(3)}$] "Race or ethnicity" means of a particular
- 11 descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, Native
- 12 American, or Middle Eastern descent.
- 13 Sec. 1701.702. POLICY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON RACIAL
- 14 PROFILING. (a) $[\frac{b}{b}]$ Each law enforcement agency in this state
- 15 shall adopt a detailed written policy on racial profiling.
- 16 (b) The policy must:
- 17 (1) clearly define acts constituting racial
- 18 profiling;
- 19 (2) strictly prohibit peace officers employed by the
- 20 agency from engaging in racial profiling;
- 21 (3) implement a process by which an individual may
- 22 file a complaint with the agency if the individual believes that a
- 23 peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in racial
- 24 profiling with respect to the individual;
- 25 (4) provide public education relating to the agency's
- 26 complaint process;
- 27 (5) require appropriate corrective action to be taken

- 1 against a peace officer employed by the agency who, after an
- 2 investigation, is shown to have engaged in racial profiling in
- 3 violation of the agency's policy adopted under this article;
- 4 (6) require collection of information relating to
- 5 motor vehicle stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests
- 6 made as a result of those stops, including information relating to:
- 7 (A) the race or ethnicity of the individual
- 8 detained;
- 9 (B) whether a search was conducted and, if so,
- 10 whether the individual detained consented to the search; and
- 11 (C) whether the peace officer knew the race or
- 12 ethnicity of the individual detained before detaining that
- 13 individual; and
- 14 (7) require the chief administrator of the agency,
- 15 regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or
- 16 appointed, to submit an annual report of the information collected
- 17 under Subdivision (6) to:
- 18 (A) the <u>commission</u> [Texas Commission on Law
- 19 Enforcement]; and
- (B) the governing body of each county or
- 21 municipality served by the agency, if the agency is an agency of a
- 22 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state.
- 23 (c) The data collected as a result of the reporting
- 24 requirements of this <u>subchapter does</u> [article shall] not constitute
- 25 prima facie evidence of racial profiling.
- Sec. 1701.704. VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT FOR LAW
- 27 ENFORCEMENT MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES. $[\frac{d}{d}]$ On adoption of

- 1 a policy regarding racial profiling under Section 1701.702
- 2 [Subsection (b)], a law enforcement agency shall examine the
- 3 feasibility of installing video camera and transmitter-activated
- 4 <u>audio</u> equipment in each agency law enforcement motor vehicle
- 5 regularly used to make motor vehicle stops and
- 6 transmitter-activated audio equipment in each agency law
- 7 enforcement motorcycle regularly used to make motor vehicle stops.
- 8 Sec. 1701.705. POLICY FOR USE OF VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT.
- 9 (a) If a law enforcement agency installs video or audio equipment
- 10 as provided by Section 1701.704 [this subsection], the law
- 11 enforcement agency shall adopt a policy for the use of the
- 12 equipment.
- (b) A policy adopted by an [the] agency under this section
- 14 [Subsection (b)] must include:
- 15 (1) quidelines for when a peace officer should
- 16 activate the equipment or discontinue a recording currently in
- 17 progress;
- 18 (2) provisions relating to data retention, including a
- 19 provision requiring the retention of [standards for reviewing]
- 20 video and audio recordings for a minimum period of 90 days;
- 21 (3) provisions relating to storage of video and audio
- 22 recordings, creation of backup copies of the recordings, and
- 23 maintenance of data security;
- 24 (4) guidelines for public access, through open records
- 25 requests, to recordings that are public information;
- 26 (5) procedures for supervisory or internal review; and
- 27 (6) the handling and documenting of equipment and

- 1 malfunctions of equipment [documentation].
- 2 (c) A policy adopted under this section must be consistent
- 3 with the Federal Rules of Evidence and Texas Rules of Evidence.
- 4 Sec. 1701.707. <u>INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT; USE OF</u>
- 5 RECORDING. [(e) A report required under Subsection (b)(7) may not
- 6 include identifying information about a peace officer who makes a
- 7 motor vehicle stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested
- 8 by a peace officer. This subsection does not affect the collection
- 9 of information as required by a policy under Subsection (b)(6).
- 10 $\left[\frac{f}{f}\right]$ On the commencement of an investigation by a law
- 11 enforcement agency of a complaint described by <u>Section</u>
- 12 1701.702(b)(3) [Subsection (b)(3)] in which a video or audio
- 13 recording of the occurrence on which the complaint is based was
- 14 made, the agency shall promptly provide a copy of the recording to
- 15 the peace officer who is the subject of the complaint on written
- 16 request by the officer.
- 17 [(g) On a finding by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- 18 that the chief administrator of a law enforcement agency
- 19 intentionally failed to submit a report required under Subsection
- 20 (b)(7), the commission shall begin disciplinary procedures against
- 21 the chief administrator.
- 22 <u>Sec. 1701.708</u> [Art. 2.133]. REPORTS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR
- 23 VEHICLE STOPS. [(a) In this article, "race or ethnicity" has the
- 24 meaning assigned by Article 2.132(a).
- 25 $\left[\frac{b}{b}\right]$ A peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an
- 26 alleged violation of a law or ordinance shall report to the law
- 27 enforcement agency that employs the officer information relating to

- 1 the stop, including:
- 2 (1) a physical description of any person operating the
- 3 motor vehicle who is detained as a result of the stop, including:
- 4 (A) the person's gender; and
- 5 (B) the person's race or ethnicity, as stated by
- 6 the person or, if the person does not state the person's race or
- 7 ethnicity, as determined by the officer to the best of the officer's
- 8 ability;
- 9 (2) the initial reason for the stop;
- 10 (3) whether the officer conducted a search as a result
- 11 of the stop and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the
- 12 search;
- 13 (4) whether any contraband or other evidence was
- 14 discovered in the course of the search and a description of the
- 15 contraband or evidence;
- 16 (5) the reason for the search, including whether:
- 17 (A) any contraband or other evidence was in plain
- 18 view;
- 19 (B) any probable cause or reasonable suspicion
- 20 existed to perform the search; or
- (C) the search was performed as a result of the
- 22 towing of the motor vehicle or the arrest of any person in the motor
- 23 vehicle;
- 24 (6) whether the officer made an arrest as a result of
- 25 the stop or the search, including a statement of whether the arrest
- 26 was based on a violation of the Penal Code, a violation of a traffic
- 27 law or ordinance, or an outstanding warrant and a statement of the

- 1 offense charged;
- 2 (7) the street address or approximate location of the
- 3 stop; and
- 4 (8) whether the officer issued a written warning or a
- 5 citation as a result of the stop.
- 6 Sec. 1701.709 [Art. 2.134]. COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF
- 7 INFORMATION COLLECTED. (a) [In this article:
- 8 [(1) "Motor vehicle stop" has the meaning assigned by
- 9 Article 2.132(a).
- 10 [(2) "Race or ethnicity" has the meaning assigned by
- 11 Article 2.132(a).
- 12 [(b)] A law enforcement agency shall compile and analyze the
- 13 information contained in each report received by the agency under
- 14 Section 1701.708 [Article 2.133].
- 15 (b) Not later than March 1 of each year, each law
- 16 enforcement agency shall submit a report containing the
- 17 incident-based data compiled during the previous calendar year to
- 18 the commission [Texas Commission on Law Enforcement] and, if the
- 19 law enforcement agency is a local law enforcement agency, to the
- 20 governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency.
- 21 (c) A report required under Subsection (b) must be submitted
- 22 by the chief administrator of the law enforcement agency,
- 23 regardless of whether the administrator is elected, employed, or
- 24 appointed, and must include:
- 25 (1) a comparative analysis of the information compiled
- 26 under Section 1701.708 [Article 2.133] to:
- 27 (A) evaluate and compare the number of motor

- 1 vehicle stops, within the applicable jurisdiction, of persons who
- 2 are recognized as racial or ethnic minorities and persons who are
- 3 not recognized as racial or ethnic minorities; and
- 4 (B) examine the disposition of motor vehicle
- 5 stops made by officers employed by the agency, categorized
- 6 according to the race or ethnicity of the affected persons, as
- 7 appropriate, including any searches resulting from stops within the
- 8 applicable jurisdiction; and
- 9 (2) information relating to each complaint filed with
- 10 the agency alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has
- 11 engaged in racial profiling.
- 12 (d) A report required under Subsection (b) may not include
- 13 identifying information about a peace officer who makes a motor
- 14 vehicle stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a
- 15 peace officer. This subsection does not affect the reporting of
- 16 information required under <u>Section 1701.708(1)</u> [Article
- 17 $\frac{2.133(b)(1)}{1}$.
- 18 (e) The commission [Texas Commission on Law Enforcement],
- 19 in accordance with Section 1701.162, [Occupations Code,] shall
- 20 develop guidelines for compiling and reporting information as
- 21 required by this section [article].
- 22 (f) The data collected as a result of the reporting
- 23 requirements of this <u>section does</u> [article shall] not constitute
- 24 prima facie evidence of racial profiling.
- Sec. 1701.710. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORT; DISCIPLINARY
- 26 PROCEDURES. $\left[\frac{g}{g}\right]$ On a finding by the commission $\left[\frac{g}{g}\right]$
- 27 Commission on Law Enforcement] that the chief administrator of a

- 1 law enforcement agency intentionally failed to submit a report
- 2 required under <u>Section 1701.702(b)(7) or 1701.709</u> [Subsection
- 3 (b)], the commission shall begin disciplinary procedures against
- 4 the chief administrator.
- 5 Sec. 1701.711 [Art. 2.135]. PARTIAL REPORTING EXEMPTION
- 6 FOR AGENCIES USING VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT. $[\frac{(a)}{a}]$ A peace
- 7 officer is exempt from the reporting requirement under <u>Section</u>
- 8 <u>1701.708</u> [Article 2.133] and the chief administrator of a law
- 9 enforcement agency, regardless of whether the administrator is
- 10 elected, employed, or appointed, is exempt from the compilation,
- 11 analysis, and reporting requirements under <u>Section 1701.709</u>
- 12 [Article 2.134] if:
- 13 (1) during the calendar year preceding the date that a
- 14 report under <u>Section 1701.709</u> [Article 2.134] is required to be
- 15 submitted:
- 16 (A) each law enforcement motor vehicle regularly
- 17 used by an officer employed by the agency to make motor vehicle
- 18 stops is equipped with video camera and transmitter-activated audio
- 19 equipment and each law enforcement motorcycle regularly used to
- 20 make motor vehicle stops is equipped with transmitter-activated
- 21 audio equipment; and
- 22 (B) each motor vehicle stop made by an officer
- 23 employed by the agency that is capable of being recorded by video
- 24 and audio or audio equipment, as appropriate, is recorded by using
- 25 the equipment; or
- 26 (2) the governing body of the county or municipality
- 27 served by the law enforcement agency, in conjunction with the law

- 1 enforcement agency, certifies to the department [Department of
- 2 Public Safety], not later than the date specified by rule by the
- 3 department, that the law enforcement agency needs funds or video
- 4 and audio equipment for the purpose of installing video and audio
- 5 equipment as described by Subdivision (1)(A) [Subsection
- 6 $\frac{(a)(1)(A)}{(a)}$] and the agency does not receive from the state funds or
- 7 video and audio equipment sufficient, as determined by the
- 8 department, for the agency to accomplish that purpose.
- 9 Sec. 1701.712. RETENTION OF VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS.
- 10 (a) [(b)] Except as otherwise provided by this section
- 11 [subsection], a law enforcement agency that is exempt from the
- 12 requirements under <u>Section 1701.709</u> [Article 2.134] shall retain
- 13 the video and audio or audio documentation of each motor vehicle
- 14 stop for at least 90 days after the date of the stop.
- 15 (b) If a complaint is filed with the law enforcement agency
- 16 alleging that a peace officer employed by the agency has engaged in
- 17 racial profiling with respect to a motor vehicle stop, the agency
- 18 shall retain the video and audio or audio record of the stop until
- 19 final disposition of the complaint.
- 20 (c) This section [article] does not affect the collection or
- 21 reporting requirements under <u>Section 1701.702</u> [Article 2.132.
- 22 [(d) In this article, "motor vehicle stop" has the meaning
- 23 assigned by Article 2.132(a)].
- 24 <u>Sec. 1701.713</u> [Art. 2.136]. LIABILITY. A peace officer is
- 25 not liable for damages arising from an act relating to the
- 26 collection or reporting of information as required by <u>Section</u>
- 27 1701.708 [Article 2.133] or under a policy adopted under Section

- 1 1701.702 [Article 2.132].
- 2 <u>Sec. 1701.714</u> [Art. 2.137]. PROVISION OF FUNDING OR
- 3 EQUIPMENT. (a) The department [Department of Public Safety] shall
- 4 adopt rules for providing funds or video and audio equipment to law
- 5 enforcement agencies for the purpose of installing video and audio
- 6 equipment as described by Section 1701.711(1)(A) [Article
- 7 $\frac{2.135(a)(1)(A)}{(A)}$], including specifying criteria to prioritize
- 8 funding or equipment provided to law enforcement agencies. The
- 9 criteria may include consideration of tax effort, financial
- 10 hardship, available revenue, and budget surpluses. The criteria
- 11 must give priority to:
- 12 (1) law enforcement agencies that employ peace
- 13 officers whose primary duty is traffic enforcement;
- 14 (2) smaller jurisdictions; and
- 15 (3) municipal and county law enforcement agencies.
- 16 (b) The department [Department of Public Safety] shall
- 17 collaborate with an institution of higher education to identify law
- 18 enforcement agencies that need funds or video and audio equipment
- 19 for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as
- 20 described by Section 1701.711(1)(A) [Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)]. The
- 21 collaboration may include the use of a survey to assist ir
- 22 developing criteria to prioritize funding or equipment provided to
- 23 law enforcement agencies.
- (c) To receive funds or video and audio equipment from the
- 25 state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as
- 26 described by Section 1701.711(1)(A) [Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)], the
- 27 governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the

- 1 law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall
- 2 certify to the <u>department</u> [Department of Public Safety] that the
- 3 law enforcement agency needs funds or video and audio equipment for
- 4 that purpose.
- 5 (d) On receipt of funds or video and audio equipment from
- 6 the state for the purpose of installing video and audio equipment as
- 7 described by Section 1701.711(1)(A) [Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)], the
- 8 governing body of a county or municipality, in conjunction with the
- 9 law enforcement agency serving the county or municipality, shall
- 10 certify to the department [Department of Public Safety] that the
- 11 law enforcement agency has installed video and audio equipment as
- 12 described by Section 1701.711(1)(A) [Article 2.135(a)(1)(A)] and
- 13 is using the equipment as required by Section 1701.711(1) [Article
- $14 \frac{2.135(a)(1)}{2.135(a)(1)}$].
- 15 Sec. 1701.715 [Art. 2.138]. RULES. The public safety
- 16 <u>director of the department</u> [Department of Public Safety] may adopt
- 17 rules to implement this subchapter [Articles 2.131-2.137].
- 18 Sec. 1701.716 [Art. 2.1385]. CIVIL PENALTY. (a) If the
- 19 chief administrator of a local law enforcement agency intentionally
- 20 fails to submit the incident-based data as required by Section
- 21 1701.709 [Article 2.134], the agency is liable to the state for a
- 22 civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for each violation. The
- 23 attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty under this
- 24 subsection.
- (b) From money appropriated to the agency for the
- 26 administration of the agency, the executive director of a state law
- 27 enforcement agency that intentionally fails to submit the

- 1 incident-based data as required by Section 1701.709 [Article 2.134]
- 2 shall remit to the comptroller the amount of \$1,000 for each
- 3 violation.
- 4 (c) Money collected under this section [article] shall be
- 5 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue
- 6 fund.
- 7 SECTION 4. Subchapter O, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, as
- 8 added by this Act, is amended by adding Sections 1701.703,
- 9 1701.706, 1701.718, 1701.719, 1701.720, 1701.721, and 1701.722 to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1701.703. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN REPORT. (a) A
- 12 report required under Section 1701.702(b)(7) may not include
- 13 identifying information about a peace officer who makes a motor
- 14 vehicle stop or about an individual who is stopped or arrested by a
- 15 peace officer.
- 16 (b) This section does not affect the collection of
- information as required by a policy under Section 1701.702(b)(6).
- 18 Sec. 1701.706. RECORDING INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC.
- 19 (a) A peace officer who uses a motor vehicle or motorcycle
- 20 equipped with video or audio equipment shall act in a manner that is
- 21 consistent with the policy of the law enforcement agency that
- 22 employs the officer with respect to when and under what
- 23 <u>circumstances the equipment must be activated.</u>
- 24 (b) A peace officer who does not activate video or audio
- 25 equipment in response to a call for assistance or on making a motor
- 26 <u>vehicle stop must include in the officer's incident report or</u>
- 27 otherwise note in the case file or record the reason for not

- 1 activating the equipment.
- 2 (c) Any justification for failing to activate the equipment
- 3 because it is unsafe, unrealistic, or impracticable is based on
- 4 whether a reasonable officer under the same or similar
- 5 circumstances would have made the same decision.
- 6 Sec. 1701.718. RECORDINGS DOCUMENTING CERTAIN CONDUCT OF
- 7 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. (a) Except as provided by Subsection
- 8 (b), a video or audio recording under this subchapter documenting
- 9 an incident that involves the use of deadly force by a peace officer
- 10 or that is otherwise related to an administrative or criminal
- 11 investigation of an officer may not be deleted, destroyed, or
- 12 released to the public until all criminal matters have been finally
- 13 adjudicated and all related administrative investigations have
- 14 concluded.
- 15 (b) A law enforcement agency may release to the public a
- 16 recording described by Subsection (a) if the law enforcement agency
- 17 determines that the release furthers a law enforcement purpose.
- 18 (c) This section does not affect the authority of a law
- 19 enforcement agency to withhold under Section 552.108, Government
- 20 Code, information related to a closed criminal investigation that
- 21 did not result in a conviction or a grant of deferred adjudication
- 22 community supervision.
- Sec. 1701.719. RELEASE OF VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING. (a) A
- 24 member of the public is required to provide the following
- 25 information when submitting a written request to a law enforcement
- 26 agency for a video or audio recording under this subchapter:
- 27 (1) the date and approximate time of the recording;

- 1 (2) the specific location where the recording
- 2 occurred; and
- 3 (3) the name of one or more persons known to be a
- 4 subject of the recording.
- 5 (b) A failure to provide all of the information required by
- 6 Subsection (a) to be part of a request for a recording does not
- 7 preclude the requestor from making a future request for the same
- 8 recording.
- 9 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), a recording held
- 10 by a law enforcement agency under this subchapter is not subject to
- 11 the requirements of Section 552.021, Government Code.
- 12 <u>(d) A recording that is or could be used as evidence in a</u>
- 13 criminal prosecution is subject to the requirements of Section
- 14 552.021, Government Code.
- 15 (e) A law enforcement agency may:
- 16 (1) seek to withhold a recording subject to Subsection
- 17 (d) in accordance with procedures provided by Section 552.301,
- 18 Government Code;
- 19 (2) assert any exceptions to disclosure in Chapter
- 20 552, Government Code, or other law; or
- 21 (3) release a recording requested in accordance with
- 22 <u>Subsection (a) after the agency redacts any information made</u>
- 23 confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law.
- (f) The attorney general shall set a proposed fee to be
- 25 charged to members of the public who seek to obtain a copy of a
- 26 recording under this section. The fee amount must be sufficient to
- 27 cover the cost of reviewing and making the recording. A law

- 1 enforcement agency may provide a copy without charge or at a reduced
- 2 charge if the agency determines that waiver or reduction of the
- 3 charge is in the public interest.
- 4 (g) A recording is confidential and excepted from the
- 5 requirements of Chapter 552, Government Code, if the recording:
- 6 (1) was not required to be made under this subchapter
- 7 or another law or under a policy adopted by the appropriate law
- 8 <u>enforcement agency; and</u>
- 9 <u>(2) does not relate to a law enforcement purpose.</u>
- 10 Sec. 1701.720. VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDINGS; REQUEST FOR
- 11 ATTORNEY GENERAL DECISION. (a) Notwithstanding Section
- 12 <u>552.301(b)</u>, Government Code, a governmental body's request for a
- 13 decision from the attorney general about whether a requested
- 14 recording falls within an exception to public disclosure is
- 15 considered timely if made not later than the 20th business day after
- 16 the date of receipt of the written request.
- 17 (b) Notwithstanding Section 552.301(d), Government Code, a
- 18 governmental body's response to a requestor regarding a requested
- 19 recording is considered timely if made not later than the 20th
- 20 business day after the date of receipt of the written request.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 552.301(e), Government Code, a
- 22 governmental body's submission to the attorney general of the
- 23 information required by that subsection regarding a requested
- 24 recording is considered timely if made not later than the 25th
- 25 business day after the date of receipt of the written request.
- 26 (d) Notwithstanding Section 552.301(e-1), Government Code,
- 27 a governmental body's submission to a requestor of the information

- 1 required by that subsection regarding a requested recording is
- 2 considered timely if made not later than the 25th business day after
- 3 the date of receipt of the written request.
- 4 Sec. 1701.721. PRODUCTION OF VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING IN
- 5 RESPONSE TO VOLUMINOUS PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS.
- 6 (a) Notwithstanding Section 552.221(d), Government Code, an
- 7 officer for public information who is employed by a governmental
- 8 body and who receives a voluminous request in accordance with
- 9 Section 1701.719(a) is considered to have promptly produced the
- 10 information for purposes of Section 552.221, Government Code, if
- 11 the officer takes the actions required under that section before
- 12 the 21st business day after the date of receipt of the written
- 13 request.
- 14 (b) For purposes of this section, "voluminous request"
- 15 includes:
- 16 (1) a request for recordings from more than five
- 17 <u>separate incidents;</u>
- 18 (2) more than five separate requests for recordings
- 19 from the same person in a 24-hour period, regardless of the number
- 20 of incidents included in each request; or
- 21 (3) a request or multiple requests from the same
- 22 person in a 24-hour period for recordings that, taken together,
- 23 constitute more than five total hours of video or audio recordings.
- Sec. 1701.722. OFFENSE. (a) A peace officer or other
- 25 employee of a law enforcement agency commits an offense if the
- 26 officer or employee releases a recording under this subchapter
- 27 without permission of the applicable law enforcement agency.

1 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

- 2 SECTION 5. Article 2.139, Code of Criminal Procedure, as
- 3 added by Chapter 1124 (H.B. 3791), Acts of the 84th Legislature,
- 4 Regular Session, 2015, is transferred to Subchapter O, Chapter
- 5 1701, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, redesignated as
- 6 Section 1701.717, Occupations Code, and amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 1701.717 [Art. 2.139]. VIDEO RECORDINGS OF ARRESTS
- 8 FOR INTOXICATION OFFENSES. A person stopped or arrested on
- 9 suspicion of an offense under Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.07, or
- 10 49.08, Penal Code, is entitled to receive from a law enforcement
- 11 agency employing the peace officer who made the stop or arrest a
- 12 copy of any video made by or at the direction of the officer that
- 13 contains footage of:
- 14 (1) the stop;
- 15 (2) the arrest;
- 16 (3) the conduct of the person stopped during any
- 17 interaction with the officer, including during the administration
- 18 of a field sobriety test; or
- 19 (4) a procedure in which a specimen of the person's
- 20 breath or blood is taken.
- 21 SECTION 6. Section 1701.164, Occupations Code, is amended
- 22 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1701.164. COLLECTION OF CERTAIN INCIDENT-BASED DATA
- 24 SUBMITTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. The commission shall
- 25 collect and maintain incident-based data submitted to the
- 26 commission under Section 1701.709 [Article 2.134, Code of Criminal
- 27 Procedure], including incident-based data compiled by a law

- 1 enforcement agency from reports received by the law enforcement
- 2 agency under <u>Section 1701.708</u> [Article 2.133 of that code]. The
- 3 commission in consultation with the Department of Public Safety,
- 4 the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas,
- 5 the W. W. Caruth, Jr., Police Institute at Dallas, and the Texas
- 6 Police Chiefs Association shall develop guidelines for submitting
- 7 in a standard format the report containing incident-based data as
- 8 required by <u>Section 1701.709</u> [Article 2.134, Code of Criminal
- 9 Procedure].
- 10 SECTION 7. Section 1701.501(a), Occupations Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the commission
- 13 shall revoke or suspend a license, place on probation a person whose
- 14 license has been suspended, or reprimand a license holder for a
- 15 violation of:
- 16 (1) this chapter;
- 17 (2) the reporting requirements provided by Sections
- 18 1701.702 [Articles 2.132] and 1701.709 [2.134, Code of Criminal
- 19 Procedure]; or
- 20 (3) a commission rule.
- 21 SECTION 8. (a) A law enforcement agency operating video or
- 22 audio equipment on the effective date of this Act may submit any
- 23 existing policy of the agency regarding the use of the equipment to
- 24 the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to determine whether the
- 25 policy complies with Section 1701.705, Occupations Code, as added
- 26 by this Act.
- 27 (b) Notwithstanding Section 1701.705, Occupations Code, as

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- 1 added by this Act, a law enforcement agency operating video or audio
- 2 equipment on the effective date of this Act is not required to adopt
- 3 or implement a policy that complies with Section 1701.705 before
- 4 September 1, 2018.
- 5 (c) Sections 1701.717, 1701.718, 1701.719, 1701.720,
- 6 1701.721, and 1701.722, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,
- 7 apply to a release of a recording on or after the effective date of
- 8 this Act, regardless of whether the incident that is the subject of
- 9 the recording occurred before, on, or after the effective date of
- 10 this Act.
- 11 SECTION 9. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
- 12 over another Act of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017,
- 13 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
- 14 codes.
- 15 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.