

By: Guillen

H.B. No. 1099

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of  
Veterinary Medical Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 801, Occupations Code, is  
amended by adding Section 801.165 to read as follows:

Sec. 801.165. PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board may employ and  
commission as a peace officer to enforce this chapter a person who  
has been certified as qualified to be a peace officer by the Texas  
Commission on Law Enforcement.

(b) If the board commissions peace officers under  
Subsection (a), the board shall designate a peace officer as the  
chief investigator to supervise and direct the other peace officers  
commissioned by the board. The chief investigator must have  
appropriate training and experience in law enforcement, as  
determined by the board.

SECTION 2. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
amended to read as follows:

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

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

(2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve

1 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
2 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

3 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
4 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
5 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
6 1701, Occupations Code;

7 (4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve  
8 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the  
9 Director of the Department of Public Safety;

10 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
11 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

12 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
13 Beverage Commission;

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

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

18 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
19 Commission;

20 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
21 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

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

26 (12) airport security personnel commissioned as peace  
27 officers by the governing body of any political subdivision of this

1 state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that  
2 operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers;

3 (13) municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
4 security officers;

5 (14) security officers and investigators commissioned  
6 as peace officers by the comptroller;

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

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

11 (17) investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical  
12 Board;

13 (18) officers commissioned by:

14 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
15 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
16 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District  
17 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

18 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
19 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local  
20 Laws Code; and

21 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County  
22 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,  
23 Special District Local Laws Code;

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

26 (20) investigators employed by the Texas Racing  
27 Commission;

1           (21) officers commissioned under Chapter 554,  
2 Occupations Code;

3           (22) officers commissioned by the governing body of a  
4 metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,  
5 Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority  
6 under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

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

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

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

13           (26) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal  
14 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

15           (27) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
16 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

17           (28) apprehension specialists and inspectors general  
18 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers  
19 under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;

20           (29) officers appointed by the inspector general of  
21 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
22 Government Code;

23           (30) investigators commissioned by the Texas  
24 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations  
25 Code;

26           (31) commission investigators commissioned by the  
27 Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061, Occupations

1 Code;

2 (32) the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or  
3 investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under  
4 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

5 (33) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
6 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
7 to the limitations imposed by that section;

8 (34) investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile  
9 Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human  
10 Resources Code; ~~and~~

11 (35) the fire marshal and any related officers,  
12 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
13 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code; and

14 (36) officers commissioned by the State Board of  
15 Veterinary Medical Examiners under Section 801.165, Occupations  
16 Code.

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, 2019.