

By: Turner of Dallas

H.B. No. 2144

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officer instruction on veterans affected by trauma.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete a training program developed under Section 1701.265 on veterans with combat-related trauma, post-traumatic stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and traumatic brain injuries. An officer shall complete the program not later than the second anniversary of the date the officer is licensed under this chapter unless the officer completes the program as part of the officer's basic training course.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 1701.253(p), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, applies only to an application for a license that is submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.