

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 2816
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
 1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
1-8	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to compensation and leave for certain employees of the
 1-20 fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (5) "State employee" means an individual who:

1-25 (A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of
 1-26 the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission,
 1-27 the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of
 1-28 Criminal Justice, ~~or~~ the attorney general, or the insurance fraud
 1-29 unit of the Texas Department of Insurance;

1-30 (B) is a commissioned security officer of the
 1-31 comptroller;

1-32 (C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by
 1-33 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-34 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an
 1-35 institution of higher education;

1-36 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of
 1-37 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department
 1-38 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct
 1-39 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or
 1-40 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's
 1-41 jurisdiction;

1-42 (F) has been certified to the Employees
 1-43 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
 1-44 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
 1-45 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
 1-46 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
 1-47 officer; or

1-48 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
 1-49 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
 1-50 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay.

1-51 SECTION 2. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-52 to read as follows:

1-53 (a) This section applies to a peace officer under Article
 1-54 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law
 1-55 enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

1-56 (1) the Public Safety Commission and the director of
 1-57 the Department of Public Safety;

1-58 (2) the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-59 (3) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission; ~~or~~

1-60 (4) the attorney general; or

1-61 (5) the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department

2-1 of Insurance.

2-2 SECTION 3. Section 701.104, Insurance Code, is amended by
2-3 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

2-4 (d) The commissioner shall ensure that a peace officer
2-5 commissioned under Subsection (a) is compensated according to
2-6 Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule
2-7 prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

2-8 SECTION 4. (a) The classification officer in the office of
2-9 the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace
2-10 officer employed by the insurance fraud unit of the Texas
2-11 Department of Insurance as a Schedule C position under the Texas
2-12 Position Classification Plan.

2-13 (b) The change made by the classification officer as
2-14 required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal
2-15 biennium beginning September 1, 2019.

2-16 (c) This section expires September 1, 2021.

2-17 SECTION 5. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended
2-18 by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the
2-19 effective date of this Act.

2-20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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