

1-1 By: Anderson (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 3503  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;  
 1-3 May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-4 Justice; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

1-17 relating to firearms training for county jailers.  
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is  
 1-20 amended by adding Section 1701.2561 to read as follows:  
 1-21 Sec. 1701.2561. FIREARMS TRAINING FOR COUNTY JAILERS. (a)  
 1-22 The commission shall develop a basic training program in the use of  
 1-23 firearms by county jailers. The program must provide instruction  
 1-24 in:  
 1-25 (1) legal limitations on the use of firearms and on the  
 1-26 powers and authority of jailers;  
 1-27 (2) range firing and procedure;  
 1-28 (3) firearms safety and maintenance; and  
 1-29 (4) other topics determined by the commission to be  
 1-30 necessary for the responsible use of firearms by jailers.  
 1-31 (b) The commission shall administer the training program  
 1-32 and shall issue a certificate of firearms proficiency to each  
 1-33 county jailer the commission determines has successfully completed  
 1-34 the program.  
 1-35 (c) A county jailer who is issued a certificate of firearms  
 1-36 proficiency and who maintains weapons proficiency in accordance  
 1-37 with Section 1701.355 may carry a firearm:  
 1-38 (1) during the course of performing duties as a county  
 1-39 jailer, including while transporting persons confined in the county  
 1-40 jail; and  
 1-41 (2) while traveling to or from the jailer's place of  
 1-42 assignment.  
 1-43 SECTION 2. Section 1701.355, Occupations Code, is amended  
 1-44 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as  
 1-45 follows:  
 1-46 (a-1) An agency that employs one or more county jailers who  
 1-47 have been issued a certificate of firearms proficiency under  
 1-48 Section 1701.2561 shall designate a firearms proficiency officer  
 1-49 and require the jailers to demonstrate weapons proficiency to the  
 1-50 firearms proficiency officer at least annually. The agency shall  
 1-51 maintain records of the weapons proficiency of the agency's  
 1-52 jailers. A county jailer's failure to demonstrate weapons  
 1-53 proficiency does not affect the county jailer's license under this  
 1-54 chapter.  
 1-55 (b) On request, the commission may waive the requirement  
 1-56 that a peace officer or county jailer demonstrate weapons  
 1-57 proficiency on a determination by the commission that the  
 1-58 requirement causes a hardship.  
 1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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