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H.B. No. 3863

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to  
3 special agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United  
4 States Department of Agriculture.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Article 2.122, Code of Criminal  
7 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The following named criminal investigators of the  
9 United States shall not be deemed peace officers, but shall have the  
10 powers of arrest, search, and seizure under the laws of this state  
11 as to felony offenses only:

12 (1) Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
13 Investigation;

14 (2) Special Agents of the Secret Service;

15 (3) Special Agents of the United States Immigration  
16 and Customs Enforcement;

17 (4) Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
18 Firearms and Explosives;

19 (5) Special Agents of the United States Drug  
20 Enforcement Administration;

21 (6) Inspectors of the United States Postal Inspection  
22 Service;

23 (7) Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation  
24 Division of the Internal Revenue Service;

1           (8) Civilian Special Agents of the United States Naval  
2 Criminal Investigative Service;

3           (9) Marshals and Deputy Marshals of the United States  
4 Marshals Service;

5           (10) Special Agents of the United States Department of  
6 State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security;

7           (11) Special Agents of the Treasury Inspector General  
8 for Tax Administration;

9           (12) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General  
10 of the United States Social Security Administration;

11           (13) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General  
12 of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; ~~and~~

13           (14) Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General  
14 of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

15           (15) [~~(14)~~] a police officer with the Office of  
16 Security and Law Enforcement of the United States Department of  
17 Veterans Affairs.

18           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.