

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain honorably retired peace officers from continuing education requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.356, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.356. CERTAIN OFFICERS: REACTIVATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION NOT REQUIRED. (a) An officer is not subject to Section 1701.351 or 1701.352 if the officer is:

(1) an honorably retired commissioned officer of the Department of Public Safety who is:

(A) a special ranger under Section 411.023, Government Code; or

(B) a special Texas Ranger under Section 411.024, Government Code;

(2) an honorably retired commissioned officer of the Parks and Wildlife Department who is a special game warden under Section 11.0201, Parks and Wildlife Code; or

(3) an honorably retired commissioned officer of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission who is a special inspector or representative under Section 5.142, Alcoholic Beverage Code [~~may not be required to undergo training under Section 1701.352(b)~~].

(b) A person who is an [~~An~~] honorably retired commissioned officer described by Subsection (a) [~~of the Department of Public~~

1 ~~Safety who is a special ranger under Section 411.023, Government~~
2 ~~Code,~~] or a retired state employee and who holds a permanent license
3 issued before January 1981 and that was current on January 1, 1995:

4 (1) has the same rights and privileges as any other
5 peace officer of this state;

6 (2) holds, notwithstanding Section 1701.316, an
7 active license unless the license is revoked, suspended, or
8 probated by the commission for a violation of this chapter; and

9 (3) is not subject to Section 1701.351.

10 (c) An honorably retired commissioned officer described by
11 Subsection (a) [~~of the Department of Public Safety who is a special~~
12 ~~ranger under Section 411.023, Government Code, or who is a special~~
13 ~~Texas Ranger under Section 411.024, Government Code,~~] may not be
14 required to undergo training under Section 1701.253 [~~1701.253(j)~~].

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect August 26, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1397 passed the Senate on April 11, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1397 passed the House on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor