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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding the discharge of a firearm by a peace officer at or in the direction of a moving vehicle.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.1397 to read as follows:

Art. 2.1397.  LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY ON DISCHARGE OF FIREARM AT MOVING VEHICLE. (a) In this article, "law enforcement agency" means an agency of the state or an agency of a political subdivision of the state authorized by law to employ peace officers.

(b)  Each law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy regarding a peace officer discharging a firearm at or in the direction of a moving vehicle.

(c)  A policy adopted under this article must prohibit a peace officer from discharging a firearm at or in the direction of a moving vehicle unless the peace officer discharges the firearm only when and to the degree the officer reasonably believes is immediately necessary to protect the officer or another person from the use of unlawful deadly force by an occupant of the vehicle by means other than by using the moving vehicle to strike any person.

SECTION 2.  Each law enforcement agency in this state shall adopt the policy required by Article 2.1397, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.