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H.B. No. 600

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regular psychological examination of peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. CONTINUING EDUCATION, REGULAR PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION, AND YEARLY WEAPONS PROFICIENCY

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.3556 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.3556. REGULAR PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. (a) Each peace officer shall submit to the psychological examination described by Section 1701.306 once every 24 months.

(b) The commission by rule shall:

(1) provide grounds for which a law enforcement agency may exempt a peace officer from the requirements of this section; and

(2) adopt procedures to ensure timely and accurate reporting by law enforcement agencies and peace officers of the results of a psychological examination required under this section.

(c) The commission shall suspend the license of a peace officer who fails to comply with this section.

SECTION 3. (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall adopt rules necessary to

1 implement the changes in law made by this Act.

2 (b) A person who holds a license as a peace officer issued
3 before the effective date of this Act may continue to renew that
4 license without complying with Section 1701.3556, Occupations
5 Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.