

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 4527

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for peace officers on the laws pertaining to forced abortions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

(q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the commission shall require an officer to complete the education and training program developed under Section 1701.269 on the laws pertaining to forced abortions. An officer shall complete the program not later than the last day of the first full continuing education training period after the officer is licensed under this chapter unless the officer completes the program as part of the officer's basic training course.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1701.269 to read as follows:

Sec. 1701.269. TRAINING ON LAWS PERTAINING TO FORCED ABORTIONS. (a) The commission shall develop a one-hour education and training program on the laws pertaining to forced abortions.

(b) The training must include instruction related to the circumstances under which forced abortions commonly occur, the rights of pregnant women, including minors.

(c) The commission shall regularly review the content of the training program under this section and update the program as

1 necessary.

2 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas  
3 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the education and  
4 training program required by Section 1701.269, Occupations Code, as  
5 added by this Act.

6 SECTION 4. Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added  
7 by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an application for  
8 a peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, on or  
9 after January 1, 2022. A person who submits an application for a  
10 peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, before  
11 January 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect immediately before  
12 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
13 effect for that purpose.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.