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S.B. No. 1550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to airport police forces, including the authority to  
3 commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of  
4 those officers.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Art. 2.12. WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace  
9 officers:

10 (1) sheriffs, their deputies, and those reserve  
11 deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under  
12 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

13 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve  
14 deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued  
15 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

16 (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated  
17 city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers  
18 who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter  
19 1701, Occupations Code;

20 (4) rangers, officers, and members of the reserve  
21 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the  
22 Director of the Department of Public Safety;

23 (5) investigators of the district attorneys', criminal  
24 district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;

1 (6) law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic  
2 Beverage Commission;

3 (7) each member of an arson investigating unit  
4 commissioned by a city, a county, or the state;

5 (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081,  
6 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

7 (9) officers commissioned by the General Services  
8 Commission;

9 (10) law enforcement officers commissioned by the  
10 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

11 (11) ~~[airport police]~~ officers commissioned under  
12 Chapter 23, Transportation Code ~~[by a city with a population of more~~  
13 ~~than 1.18 million located primarily in a county with a population of~~  
14 ~~2 million or more that operates an airport that serves commercial~~  
15 ~~air carriers];~~

16 (12) ~~[airport security personnel commissioned as~~  
17 ~~peace officers by the governing body of any political subdivision~~  
18 ~~of this state, other than a city described by Subdivision (11), that~~  
19 ~~operates an airport that serves commercial air carriers];~~

20 ~~[(13)]~~ municipal park and recreational patrolmen and  
21 security officers;

22 (13) ~~[(14)]~~ security officers and investigators  
23 commissioned as peace officers by the comptroller;

24 (14) ~~[(15)]~~ officers commissioned by a water control  
25 and improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

26 (15) ~~[(16)]~~ officers commissioned by a board of  
27 trustees under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

1           (16) [~~(17)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas  
2 Medical Board;

3           (17) [~~(18)~~] officers commissioned by:

4                   (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
5 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
6 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District  
7 under Section [281.057](#), Health and Safety Code;

8                   (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
9 Hospital District under Section [1024.117](#), Special District Local  
10 Laws Code;

11                   (C) the board of directors of the Midland County  
12 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section [1061.121](#),  
13 Special District Local Laws Code; and

14                   (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock  
15 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section  
16 [1053.113](#), Special District Local Laws Code;

17           (18) [~~(19)~~] county park rangers commissioned under  
18 Subchapter [E](#), Chapter [351](#), Local Government Code;

19           (19) [~~(20)~~] investigators employed by the Texas  
20 Racing Commission;

21           (20) [~~(21)~~] officers commissioned under Chapter [554](#),  
22 Occupations Code;

23           (21) [~~(22)~~] officers commissioned by the governing  
24 body of a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section  
25 [451.108](#), Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation  
26 authority under Section [452.110](#), Transportation Code;

27           (22) [~~(23)~~] investigators commissioned by the

1 attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code;  
2           (23) [~~(24)~~] security officers and investigators  
3 commissioned as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;  
4           (24) [~~(25)~~] officers appointed by an appellate court  
5 under Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;  
6           (25) [~~(26)~~] officers commissioned by the state fire  
7 marshal under Chapter 417, Government Code;  
8           (26) [~~(27)~~] an investigator commissioned by the  
9 commissioner of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;  
10           (27) [~~(28)~~] apprehension specialists and inspectors  
11 general commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as  
12 officers under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;  
13           (28) [~~(29)~~] officers appointed by the inspector  
14 general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section  
15 493.019, Government Code;  
16           (29) [~~(30)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas  
17 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations  
18 Code;  
19           (30) [~~(31)~~] commission investigators commissioned by  
20 the Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061,  
21 Occupations Code;  
22           (31) [~~(32)~~] the fire marshal and any officers,  
23 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by an emergency services  
24 district under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;  
25           (32) [~~(33)~~] officers commissioned by the State Board  
26 of Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code,  
27 subject to the limitations imposed by that section;

1           (33) [~~(34)~~] investigators commissioned by the Texas  
2 Juvenile Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011,  
3 Human Resources Code; and

4           (34) [~~(35)~~] the fire marshal and any related officers,  
5 inspectors, or investigators commissioned by a county under  
6 Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code.

7           SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 23, Transportation Code,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9           CHAPTER 23. AIRPORT POLICE FORCES [~~SECURITY PERSONNEL~~]

10           SECTION 3. Section 23.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12           Sec. 23.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF AIRPORT POLICE [~~SECURITY~~]  
13 FORCE; COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS. The governing body of a  
14 joint board, as defined by Section 22.071, or the governing body of  
15 a political subdivision that operates an airport served by an air  
16 carrier certificated by the Federal Aviation Administration [~~Civil~~  
17 ~~Aeronautics Board~~] or the United States Department of  
18 Transportation may:

- 19           (1) establish an airport police [~~security~~] force; and  
20           (2) commission and employ a peace officer, subject to  
21 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, if the employee takes and files the  
22 oath required of peace officers [~~employ airport security~~  
23 ~~personnel~~].

24           SECTION 4. Sections 23.002 and 23.003, Transportation Code,  
25 are repealed.

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