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H.B. No. 3424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the training requirements for commissioned security officers and personal protection officers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 1702.1675(a) and (g), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall establish a basic training course for commissioned security officers. The course must include, at a minimum:

(1) general security officer training issues;

(2) classroom instruction on handgun proficiency and self-defense tactics; and

(3) range instruction on handgun proficiency.

(g) The handgun proficiency and self-defense course must include at least 10 hours and not more than 15 hours of in-person instruction with an on-site instructor approved by the department on:

(1) the laws that relate to weapons and to the use of deadly force;

(2) handgun use, proficiency, and safety;

(3) nonviolent dispute resolution; ~~and~~

(4) proper storage practices for handguns, with an emphasis on storage practices that eliminate the possibility of accidental injury to a child; and

1 (5) self-defense tactics.

2 SECTION 2. Section 1702.1685(a), Occupations Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The proficiency examination required to obtain or renew
5 a security officer commission must include:

6 (1) a written section on the subjects listed in
7 Sections 1702.1675(g)(1)-(4) [~~Section 1702.1675(g)~~]; and

8 (2) a physical demonstration of handgun proficiency
9 that meets the minimum standards established under Section
10 1702.1675(h) or (i).

11 SECTION 3. Section 1702.205(b), Occupations Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) The training required by this section:

14 (1) must be provided in-person; and

15 (2) is in addition to the basic training course for
16 security officers.

17 SECTION 4. (a) Section 1702.1675, Occupations Code, as
18 amended by this Act, applies only to a basic training course for
19 commissioned security officers that begins on or after January 1,
20 2024. A basic training course for commissioned security officers
21 that begins before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect
22 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
23 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Public Safety
25 Commission shall update the basic training course for commissioned
26 security officers to comply with Section 1702.1675, Occupations
27 Code, as amended by this Act.

1 SECTION 5. Section 1702.205, Occupations Code, as amended
2 by this Act, applies only to a personal protection officer training
3 course that begins on or after January 1, 2024. A personal
4 protection officer training course that begins before January 1,
5 2024, is governed by the law in effect immediately before the
6 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
7 effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.