

By: Jones of Harris

H.B. No. 605

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Harris County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 281.057(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar County Hospital District, ~~the~~ the El Paso County Hospital District, or the Harris County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers for the district.

SECTION 2. Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2A.001. PEACE OFFICERS GENERALLY. The following are peace officers:

(1) a sheriff, a sheriff's deputy, or a reserve deputy sheriff who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) a marshal or police officer of a municipality or a reserve municipal police officer who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

1 (4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve
2 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the
3 director of the Department of Public Safety;

4 (5) an investigator of a district attorney's, criminal
5 district attorney's, or county attorney's office;

6 (6) a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic
7 Beverage Commission;

8 (7) a member of an arson investigating unit
9 commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state;

10 (8) an officer commissioned under Section 37.081,
11 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;

12 (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities
13 Commission;

14 (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the
15 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

16 (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter 23,
17 Transportation Code;

18 (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer
19 or security officer;

20 (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned
21 as a peace officer by the comptroller;

22 (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and
23 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;

24 (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees
25 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;

26 (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical
27 Board;

1 (17) an officer commissioned by:

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

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

10 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County
11 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,
12 Special District Local Laws Code; or

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

16 (18) a county park ranger commissioned under
17 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

18 (19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing
19 Commission;

20 (20) an officer commissioned under Chapter 554,
21 Occupations Code;

22 (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of
23 a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,
24 Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under
25 Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

26 (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney
27 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;

1 (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned
2 as a peace officer under Chapter 466, Government Code;

3 (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under
4 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

5 (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal
6 under Chapter 417, Government Code;

7 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner
8 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

9 (27) an apprehension specialist or inspector general
10 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer
11 under Section 242.102 or 243.052, Human Resources Code;

12 (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of
13 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,
14 Government Code;

15 (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas
16 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations
17 Code;

18 (30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector,
19 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B,
20 Chapter 352, Local Government Code;

21 (31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or
22 investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under
23 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

24 (32) an officer commissioned by the State Board of
25 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject
26 to the limitations imposed by that section; and

27 (33) an investigator commissioned by the Texas

1 Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 221.011,
2 Human Resources Code.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.