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H.B. No. 2467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the compensation and benefits for certain peace officers commissioned by the state fire marshal.

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

SECTION 1. Section 417.006, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 417.006. STATE FIRE MARSHAL PEACE OFFICERS [~~AND ARSON INVESTIGATORS~~]. (a) The state fire marshal may:

(1) commission peace officers to act as fire and arson investigators under the state fire marshal's [~~his~~] supervision and to perform other law enforcement duties assigned to the commissioner and the state fire marshal by law; and

(2) [~~. The state fire marshal may~~] revoke a peace officer's commission under this section for just cause.

(b) The commissioner shall ensure that a peace officer commissioned under Subsection (a) is compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "State employee" means an individual who:

(A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of

1 Criminal Justice, the attorney general, ~~[or]~~ the insurance fraud
2 unit of the Texas Department of Insurance, or the state fire
3 marshal;

4 (B) is a commissioned security officer of the
5 comptroller;

6 (C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by
7 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

8 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an
9 institution of higher education;

10 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of
11 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department
12 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct
13 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or
14 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's
15 jurisdiction;

16 (F) has been certified to the Employees
17 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
18 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
19 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
20 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
21 officer;

22 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
23 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
24 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay; or

25 (H) is a security officer employed by the Texas
26 Military Department.

27 SECTION 3. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, is amended

to read as follows:

(a) This section applies to a peace officer under Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by:

(1) the Public Safety Commission and the director of the Department of Public Safety;

(2) the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(3) the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(4) the attorney general;

(5) the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance; ~~or~~

(6) the comptroller; or

(7) the state fire marshal.

SECTION 4. (a) The classification officer in the office of the state auditor shall classify the position of commissioned peace officer employed as an investigator by the Texas Department of Insurance State Fire Marshal's Office as a Schedule C position under the position classification plan maintained under Chapter 654, Government Code.

(b) The change made by the classification officer as required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 5. Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an injury that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.