

1-1 By: VanDeaver (Senate Sponsor - Hall) H.B. No. 2467  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business  
1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 1; May 20, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the compensation and benefits for certain peace  
1-22 officers commissioned by the state fire marshal.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 417.006, Government Code, is amended to  
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 417.006. STATE FIRE MARSHAL PEACE OFFICERS ~~[AND ARSON~~  
1-27 ~~INVESTIGATORS]~~. (a) The state fire marshal may:

1-28 (1) commission peace officers to act as fire and arson  
1-29 investigators under the state fire marshal's ~~[his]~~ supervision and  
1-30 to perform other law enforcement duties assigned to the  
1-31 commissioner and the state fire marshal by law; and

1-32 (2) ~~["The state fire marshal may"]~~ revoke a peace  
1-33 officer's commission under this section for just cause.

1-34 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that a peace officer  
1-35 commissioned under Subsection (a) is compensated according to  
1-36 Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule  
1-37 prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended  
1-39 to read as follows:

1-40 (5) "State employee" means an individual who:

1-41 (A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of  
1-42 the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission,  
1-43 the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Texas Department of  
1-44 Criminal Justice, the attorney general, ~~[or]~~ the insurance fraud  
1-45 unit of the Texas Department of Insurance, or the state fire  
1-46 marshal;

1-47 (B) is a commissioned security officer of the  
1-48 comptroller;

1-49 (C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by  
1-50 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

1-51 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an  
1-52 institution of higher education;

1-53 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of  
1-54 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department  
1-55 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct  
1-56 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or  
1-57 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's  
1-58 jurisdiction;

1-59 (F) has been certified to the Employees  
1-60 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun  
1-61 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,

unless the individual has been certified to the system as having  
ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial  
officer;

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

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

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.

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