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1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of a defense base development authority
3 to employ and commission peace officers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 379B, Local Government Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 379B.0046 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 379B.0046. EMPLOYMENT OF AUTHORITY PEACE OFFICERS.

8 (a) The board may employ and commission peace officers for the

9 authority to prevent or abate the commission of offenses relating

10 to port functions, facilities, and operations under state or local

11 law.

12 (b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under
13 this section includes the property owned or controlled by the
14 authority.

15 (c) In a peace officer's jurisdiction, the peace officer has
16 the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure.

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

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

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

24 (2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve

1 deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued
2 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

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

6 (4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve
7 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the
8 director of the Department of Public Safety;

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

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

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

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

17 (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities
18 Commission;

19 (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the
20 Parks and Wildlife Commission;

21 (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter 23,
22 Transportation Code;

23 (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer
24 or security officer;

25 (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned
26 as a peace officer by the comptroller;

27 (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and

1 improvement district under Section [49.216](#), Water Code;

2 (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees

3 under Chapter [54](#), Transportation Code;

4 (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical

5 Board;

6 (17) an officer commissioned by:

7 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County

8 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar

9 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District

10 under Section [281.057](#), Health and Safety Code;

11 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County

12 Hospital District under Section [1024.117](#), Special District Local

13 Laws Code;

14 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County

15 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section [1061.121](#),

16 Special District Local Laws Code; ~~or~~

17 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock

18 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section

19 [1053.113](#), Special District Local Laws Code; or

20 (E) the board of directors of a defense base

21 development authority established under Chapter [379B](#), Local

22 Government Code;

23 (18) a county park ranger commissioned under

24 Subchapter [E](#), Chapter [351](#), Local Government Code;

25 (19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing

26 Commission;

27 (20) an officer commissioned under Chapter [554](#),

1 Occupations Code;

2 (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of

3 a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section [451.108](#),

4 Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under

5 Section [452.110](#), Transportation Code;

6 (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney

7 general under Section [402.009](#), Government Code;

8 (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned

9 as a peace officer under Chapter [466](#), Government Code;

10 (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under

11 Subchapter [F](#), Chapter [53](#), Government Code;

12 (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal

13 under Chapter [417](#), Government Code;

14 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner

15 of insurance under Section [701.104](#), Insurance Code;

16 (27) an apprehension specialist or inspector general

17 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer

18 under Section [242.102](#) or [243.052](#), Human Resources Code;

19 (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of

20 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section [493.019](#),

21 Government Code;

22 (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas

23 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section [1701.160](#), Occupations

24 Code;

25 (30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector,

26 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter [B](#),

27 Chapter [352](#), Local Government Code;

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

4 (32) an officer commissioned by the State Board of
5 Dental Examiners under Section [254.013](#), Occupations Code, subject
6 to the limitations imposed by that section; and

10 SECTION 3. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
11 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
12 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
13 codes.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3248 was passed by the House on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3248 was passed by the Senate on May 9, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor