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H.B. No. 3248

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(a) The board may employ and commission peace officers for the authority to prevent or abate the commission of offenses relating to port functions, facilities, and operations under state or local law.

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

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

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

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;

1           (31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or  
2 investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under  
3 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

7           (33) an investigator commissioned by the Texas  
8 Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 221.011,  
9 Human Resources Code.

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.