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H.B. No. 2730

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2730:

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1	AN ACT
2	relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of
3	Public Safety of the State of Texas and the Texas Private Security
4	Board; providing a penalty.
5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
6	ARTICLE 1. CHANGES TO VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM
7	SECTION 1.01. Subchapter A, Chapter 548, Transportation
8	Code, is amended by adding Section 548.008 to read as follows:
9	Sec. 548.008. VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM DIRECTOR. (a)
10	The vehicle inspection program is managed by a program director.
11	The program director may not be a commissioned officer.
12	(b) The office of the vehicle inspection program director
13	must be located in Austin, Texas.
14	(c) The duties of the program director include:
15	(1) responsibility for the quality of the vehicle
16	<pre>inspection program;</pre>
17	(2) coordination of the regional offices;
18	(3) compilation of regional and statewide performance
19	data;
20	(4) the establishment of best practices and
21	distribution of those practices to the regional offices;
22	(5) setting goals for the entire program, in
23	consultation with the public safety director or the public safety

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director's designee, and setting goals for each regional office in

- 1 consultation with the regional managers;
- 2 (6) monitoring the progress toward the goals set in
- 3 Subdivision (5) and evaluating the program based on that progress;
- 4 and
- 5 (7) coordination with the Texas Highway Patrol to
- 6 enforce provisions related to vehicle inspection.
- 7 (d) The regional offices shall make reports as requested by
- 8 the program director.
- 9 ARTICLE 2. DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- 10 PART A. ORGANIZATION OF DIVISION
- 11 SECTION 2A.01. Section 418.004, Government Code, is amended
- 12 by amending Subdivision (2) and adding Subdivision (9) to read as
- 13 follows:
- 14 (2) "Division" means the Texas Division of Emergency
- 15 Management [division of emergency management in the office of the
- 16 governor].
- 17 (9) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety
- 18 of the State of Texas.
- 19 SECTION 2A.02. Sections 418.041(a), (b), and (c),
- 20 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 21 (a) The <u>Texas Division of Emergency Management</u> [division of
- 22 emergency management] is a division of the department [office of
- 23 the governor].
- 24 (b) The division is managed by a chief [director] appointed
- 25 by the public safety director of the department [governor]. The
- 26 chief [director] serves at the pleasure of the public safety
- 27 director [governor].

- 1 (c) At least once every two months, the following shall meet
- 2 to coordinate efforts, prevent overlap of activities, and ensure
- 3 that the state's approach to emergency management and homeland
- 4 security is unified:
- 5 (1) a representative of the department;
- 6 (2) a representative of the division;
- 7 (3) a representative of the governor's office of
- 8 homeland security;
- 9 (4) the presiding officer of the Homeland Security
- 10 Council; and
- 11 (5) a state agency representative from the emergency
- 12 management council, selected by the chair of the emergency
- 13 management council. [The director shall appoint a state
- 14 coordinator.
- SECTION 2A.03. Section 418.072, Government Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 418.072. DISASTER EMERGENCY FUNDING BOARD. The
- 18 disaster emergency funding board is composed of:
- 19 (1) the governor;
- 20 (2) the lieutenant governor;
- 21 (3) the commissioner of insurance;
- 22 (4) the executive commissioner of the Health and
- 23 [Department of] Human Services Commission; and
- 24 (5) the chief [director] of the division.
- SECTION 2A.04. Section 418.074(b), Government Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (b) If a gift, grant, or loan is accepted by the state, the

- 1 chief of the division [governor, or the emergency management
- 2 council or state coordinator if designated by the governor, may
- 3 dispense the gift, grant, or loan directly to accomplish the
- 4 purpose for which it was made or may allocate and transfer to a
- 5 political subdivision services, equipment, supplies, materials, or
- 6 funds in the amount the Public Safety Commission [governor or the
- 7 governor's designee] may determine.
- 8 PART B. OTHER AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS
- 9 REFLECTING DIVISION'S NAME CHANGE
- 10 SECTION 2B.01. Section 12.0012, Agriculture Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 12.0012. NOTIFICATION. The department shall, upon
- 13 submission for publication, notify the Texas Division of Emergency
- 14 Management [division of emergency management in the office of the
- 15 governor] of each quarantine it adopts. The department shall
- 16 thereafter cooperate with the <u>Texas Division of Emergency</u>
- 17 Management [division of emergency management] in implementing any
- 18 necessary safeguards to protect the state's agricultural resources
- 19 from potential economic, health, or ecological disaster that may
- 20 result from the quarantined pest or disease.
- SECTION 2B.02. Sections 88.303(a) and (d), Education Code,
- 22 are amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, during any period in
- 24 which Texas Task Force 1 is activated by the Texas Division of
- 25 <u>Emergency Management</u> [governor's division of emergency
- 26 management], or during any training session sponsored or sanctioned
- 27 by Texas Task Force 1, a participating nongovernment member or

- 1 local government employee member is included in the coverage
- 2 provided under Chapter 501, Labor Code, in the same manner as an
- 3 employee, as defined by Section 501.001, Labor Code.
- 4 (d) Notwithstanding Section 412.0123, Labor Code, as added
- 5 by Chapter 1098, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session,
- 6 1997, the <u>Texas Division of Emergency Management</u> [governor's
- 7 division of emergency management] shall reimburse the State Office
- 8 of Risk Management for the actual medical and indemnity benefits
- 9 paid on behalf of a covered member of Texas Task Force 1 at the
- 10 beginning of the next state fiscal year occurring after the date the
- 11 benefits are paid.
- 12 SECTION 2B.03. Section 418.014(e), Government Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 (e) An executive order or proclamation shall be
- 15 disseminated promptly by means intended to bring its contents to
- 16 the attention of the general public. An order or proclamation shall
- 17 be filed promptly with the division [of emergency management], the
- 18 secretary of state, and the county clerk or city secretary in each
- 19 area to which it applies unless the circumstances attendant on the
- 20 disaster prevent or impede the filing.
- 21 SECTION 2B.04. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 418,
- 22 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 23 SUBCHAPTER C. TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- SECTION 2B.05. Section 418.073(d), Government Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- 26 (d) The [governor's] division [of emergency management]
- 27 shall administer the disaster contingency fund and shall develop

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- 1 and implement rules and procedures for providing emergency
- 2 assistance from the fund. The division shall annually report to the
- 3 speaker of the house of representatives and the lieutenant governor
- 4 expenditures from the fund, the overall status of the fund, and any
- 5 changes to rules and procedures regarding the fund.
- 6 SECTION 2B.06. Section 421.021(a), Government Code, is 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) The Homeland Security Council is composed of the
- 9 governor or the governor's designee, the speaker of the house of
- 10 representatives or the speaker's designee, the lieutenant governor
- 11 or the lieutenant governor's designee, and one representative of
- 12 each of the following entities, appointed by the single statewide
- 13 elected or appointed governing officer, administrative head, or
- 14 chair, as appropriate, of the entity:
- 15 (1) Department of Agriculture;
- 16 (2) office of the attorney general;
- 17 (3) General Land Office;
- 18 (4) Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- 19 (5) Department of State Health Services;
- 20 (6) Department of Information Resources;
- 21 (7) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
- 22 (8) Texas Division of Emergency Management [division
- 23 of emergency management of the office of the governor];
- 24 (9) adjutant general's department;
- 25 (10) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 26 (11) Railroad Commission of Texas;
- 27 (12) Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission;

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                     Commission on State Emergency Communications;
                     Office of State-Federal Relations;
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                     secretary of state;
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                     Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland
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    and State-Federal Relations];
                     Texas Animal Health Commission;
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                     Texas Association of Regional Councils;
                     Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
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   Standards and Education;
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                     state fire marshal's office;
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                     Texas Commission on Fire Protection;
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                    Parks and Wildlife Department;
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                     Texas Forest Service; and
                     Texas Water Development Board.
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          SECTION 2B.07.
                          Section 661.907(b), Government Code,
   amended to read as follows:
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          (b) The number of certified disaster service volunteers who
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   are eligible for leave under this section may not exceed 350 state
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    employees at any one time during a fiscal year. The Texas Division
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   of Emergency Management [division of emergency management in the
   governor's office] shall coordinate the establishment
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   maintenance of the list of eligible employees and shall make the
   list available to members of the legislature on request.
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- 1 SECTION 2B.08. Section 661.919(b), Government Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 (b) The number of amateur radio operators who are eligible
- 4 for leave under this section may not exceed 350 state employees at
- 5 any one time during a state fiscal year. The Texas Division of
- 6 Emergency Management [division of emergency management in the
- 7 governor's office] shall coordinate the establishment and
- 8 maintenance of the list of eligible employees and shall make the
- 9 list available to members of the legislature on request.
- SECTION 2B.09. Section 501.001(5), Labor Code, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (5) "Employee" means a person who is:
- 13 (A) in the service of the state pursuant to an
- 14 election, appointment, or express oral or written contract of hire;
- 15 (B) paid from state funds but whose duties
- 16 require that the person work and frequently receive supervision in
- 17 a political subdivision of the state;
- 18 (C) a peace officer employed by a political
- 19 subdivision, while the peace officer is exercising authority
- 20 granted under:
- 21 (i) Article 2.12, Code of Criminal
- 22 Procedure; or
- 23 (ii) Articles 14.03(d) and (g), Code of
- 24 Criminal Procedure;
- 25 (D) a member of the state military forces, as
- 26 defined by Section 431.001, Government Code, who is engaged in
- 27 authorized training or duty; or

- 1 (E) a Texas Task Force 1 member, as defined by
- 2 Section 88.301, Education Code, who is activated by the Texas
- 3 Division of Emergency Management [governor's division of emergency
- 4 management] or is injured during [any] training [session] sponsored
- 5 or sanctioned by Texas Task Force 1.
- 6 SECTION 2B.10. Sections 16.055(a) and (b), Water Code, are
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) The <u>chief</u> [coordinator] of the <u>Texas Division of</u>
- 9 Emergency Management [division of emergency management of the
- 10 office of the governor] is the state drought manager. The state
- 11 drought manager is responsible for managing and coordinating the
- 12 drought response component of the state water plan.
- 13 (b) The drought preparedness council is created and shall
- 14 meet as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The
- 15 council is composed of one representative from each of the
- 16 following entities, appointed by the administrative head of that
- 17 entity:
- 18 (1) the <u>Texas Division of Emergency Management</u>
- 19 [division of emergency management of the office of the governor];
- 20 (2) the board;
- 21 (3) the commission;
- 22 (4) the Parks and Wildlife Department;
- 23 (5) the Department of Agriculture;
- 24 (6) the Texas AgriLife [Agricultural] Extension
- 25 Service;
- 26 (7) the State Soil and Water Conservation Board;
- 27 (8) the Texas Department of Housing and Community

- C.S.H.B. No. 2730 1 Affairs; (9) the Texas Forest Service; 2 3 the Texas Department of Transportation; 4 the Texas Department of Economic Development; (11)5 [and] 6 (12)representative of groundwater management a 7 interests who is appointed by the governor; 8 (13) the House Committee on Natural Resources; and 9 (14) the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. SECTION 2B.11. Section 1(3), Chapter 350 (S.B. 1101), Acts 10 of the 71st Legislature, Regular Session, 1989 (Article 6419c, 11 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows: 12
- (3) "Division of emergency management" means the Texas 13 14 Division of Emergency Management [division of emergency management 15 of the office of the governor].
- SECTION 2B.12. A reference in law or a rule to the 16 17 "governor's division of emergency management" or the "division of emergency management in the office of the governor" means the Texas 18 19 Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas. 20
- ARTICLE 3. ADMINISTRATIVE SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR 21

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SECTION 3.01. Section 524.038, Transportation Code, 23 24 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to 25 read as follows:

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26 (d) An affidavit from an expert witness [a person] whose presence is timely requested under this section is inadmissible if 27

- 1 the <u>expert witness</u> [person] fails to appear at a hearing without a
- 2 showing of good cause. Otherwise, an affidavit under this section
- 3 may be submitted in lieu of an appearance at the hearing by the
- 4 [breath test operator, breath test technical supervisor, or] expert
- 5 witness.
- 6 (e) An affidavit from a breath test operator or breath test
- 7 technical supervisor is admissible unless the judge determines that
- 8 justice requires the breath test operator or breath test technical
- 9 supervisor to be present.
- 10 SECTION 3.02. Section 524.039, Transportation Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 524.039. APPEARANCE OF TECHNICIANS AT HEARING. (a)
- 13 Not [Notwithstanding Section 524.038, if not] later than the fifth
- 14 day before the date of a scheduled hearing, [the department
- 15 receives from] the person who requested a hearing may apply to the
- 16 State Office of Administrative Hearings to issue a subpoena for the
- 17 <u>attendance</u> [written notice, including a facsimile transmission,
- 18 requesting the presence at the hearing of the breath test operator
- 19 who took the specimen of the person's breath to determine alcohol
- 20 concentration or the certified breath test technical supervisor
- 21 responsible for maintaining and directing the operation of the
- 22 breath test instrument used to analyze the specimen of the person's
- 23 breath, or both[, each requested person must appear at the
- 24 hearing]. The State Office of Administrative Hearings shall issue
- 25 the subpoena only on a showing of good cause.
- 26 (b) The department may reschedule a hearing once not less
- 27 than 48 hours before the hearing if a [the] person subpoenaed

- 1 [requested to attend] under Subsection (a) is unavailable. The
- 2 department may also reschedule the hearing on showing good cause
- 3 that \underline{a} [the] person subpoenaed [requested] under Subsection (a) is
- 4 not available at the time of the hearing.
- 5 SECTION 3.03. The changes in law made by this article by the
- 6 amendment of Sections 524.038 and 524.039, Transportation Code,
- 7 apply only to a hearing conducted on or after September 1, 2009. A
- 8 hearing conducted before September 1, 2009, is covered by the law in
- 9 effect immediately before that date, and the former law is
- 10 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 11 SECTION 3.04. This article takes effect September 1, 2009.
- 12 ARTICLE 4. CHANGES TO PRIVATE SECURITY ACT
- SECTION 4.01. Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended by amending Subdivisions (2), (3), (5), (11), (12), (13),
- 15 (17), (19), (20), and (21) and adding Subdivision (6-b) to read as
- 16 follows:
- 17 (2) "Branch office" means an office that is:
- 18 (A) identified to the public as a place from
- 19 which business is conducted, solicited, or advertised; and
- 20 (B) at a place other than the principal place of
- 21 business as shown in <u>board</u> [commission] records.
- 22 (3) "Branch office license" means a permit issued by
- 23 the board [commission] that entitles a person to operate at a branch
- 24 office as a security services contractor or investigations company.
- 25 (5) "Commissioned security officer" means a security
- 26 officer to whom a security officer commission has been issued by the
- 27 board [commission].

- 1 (6-b) "Endorsement" means a permit entitling an
- 2 individual holding a registration to perform a service regulated by
- 3 this chapter for an appropriately licensed company.
- 4 (11) "Letter of authority" means a permit issued by
- 5 the board [commission] that entitles the security department of a
- 6 private business or a political subdivision to employ a
- 7 commissioned security officer.
- 8 (12) "License" means a permit issued by the board
- 9 [commission] that entitles a person to operate as a security
- 10 services contractor or investigations company.
- 11 "License holder" means a person to whom the <u>board</u>
- 12 [commission] issues a license.
- 13 (17) "Personal protection officer endorsement
- 14 [authorization]" means a permit issued by the board [commission]
- 15 that entitles an individual to act as a personal protection
- 16 officer.
- 17 (19) "Registrant" means an individual who has
- 18 registered with the board [commission] under Section 1702.221.
- 19 (20) "Registration" means a permit issued by the board
- 20 [commission] to an individual described by Section 1702.221.
- 21 (21) "Security officer commission" means an
- 22 authorization issued by the \underline{board} [commission] that entitles a
- 23 security officer to carry a firearm.
- SECTION 4.02. Section 1702.004, Occupations Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.004. GENERAL SCOPE OF REGULATION. (a) The board,
- 27 in addition to performing duties required by other law or

- 1 exercising powers granted by other law:
- 2 (1) licenses investigations companies and security
- 3 services contractors;
- 4 (2) issues commissions to certain security officers;
- 5 (3) issues endorsements [authorizations] to certain
- 6 security officers engaged in the personal protection of
- 7 individuals;
- 8 (4) registers and endorses:
- 9 (A) certain individuals connected with a license
- 10 holder; and
- 11 (B) certain individuals employed in a field
- 12 connected to private investigation or private security; and
- 13 (5) regulates license holders, security officers,
- 14 [and] registrants, and endorsement holders under this chapter.
- 15 (b) The board shall adopt rules necessary to comply with
- 16 Chapter 53 [does not apply to this chapter or to any licensing,
- 17 regulatory, or disciplinary determinations made under this
- 18 chapter]. In its rules under this section, the board shall list the
- 19 specific offenses for each category of regulated persons for which
- 20 a conviction would constitute grounds for the board to take action
- 21 under Section 53.021.
- SECTION 4.03. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 1702,
- 23 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- SUBCHAPTER B. TEXAS [COMMISSION ON] PRIVATE SECURITY BOARD
- SECTION 4.04. Section 1702.021, Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.021. BOARD [COMMISSION] MEMBERSHIP. (a) The

- 1 Texas Private Security Board consists of seven members appointed by
- 2 the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:
- 3 (1) four public members, each of whom is a citizen of
- 4 the United States;
- 5 (2) one member who is licensed under this chapter as a
- 6 private investigator;
- 7 (3) one member who is licensed under this chapter as an
- 8 alarm systems company; and
- 9 (4) one member who is licensed under this chapter as
- 10 the owner or operator of a guard company.
- 11 (b) Appointments to the <u>board</u> [commission] shall be made
- 12 without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age,
- 13 or national origin of the appointee.
- 14 [(c) On presentation by a commission member of the
- 15 constitutional oath taken by the member, together with the
- 16 certificate of appointment, the secretary of state shall issue a
- 17 commission to the member as evidence of the member's authority to
- 18 act as a commission member.
- 19 SECTION 4.05. Section 1702.023, Occupations Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.023. ELIGIBILITY OF PUBLIC MEMBERS. The board's
- 22 [commission's] public members must be representatives of the
- 23 general public. A person may not be a public member of the \underline{board}
- 24 [commission] if the person or the person's spouse:
- 25 (1) is registered, commissioned, certified, or
- 26 licensed by a regulatory agency in the field of private
- 27 investigations or private security;

- 1 (2) is employed by or participates in the management
- 2 of a business entity or other organization regulated by or
- 3 receiving money from the board [commission];
- 4 (3) owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more
- 5 than a 10 percent interest in a business entity or other
- 6 organization regulated by or receiving money from the \underline{board}
- 7 [commission]; or
- 8 (4) uses or receives a substantial amount of tangible
- 9 goods, services, or money from the board [commission] other than
- 10 compensation or reimbursement authorized by law for board
- 11 [commission] membership, attendance, or expenses.
- 12 SECTION 4.06. Sections 1702.024(b) and (c), Occupations
- 13 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 14 (b) A person may not be a board [commission] member, and may
- 15 not be a <u>department</u> [commission] employee whose primary duties
- 16 include private security regulation and who is employed in a "bona
- 17 fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity," as that
- 18 phrase is used for purposes of establishing an exemption to the
- 19 overtime provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
- 20 (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.), and its subsequent amendments, if:
- 21 (1) the person is an officer, employee, or paid
- 22 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of private
- 23 investigation or private security; or
- 24 (2) the person's spouse is an officer, manager, or paid
- 25 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of private
- 26 investigation or private security.
- (c) A person may not be a board [commission] member or act as

- 1 general counsel to the board [commission] or agency if the person is
- 2 required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government
- 3 Code, because of the person's activities for compensation on behalf
- 4 of a profession related to the operation of the agency.
- 5 SECTION 4.07. Section 1702.027, Occupations Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 1702.027. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL. (a) It is a ground for
- 8 removal from the board [commission] that a member:
- 9 (1) does not have the qualifications required by
- 10 Section 1702.021 at the time of taking office;
- 11 (2) does not maintain the qualifications required by
- 12 Section 1702.021 during service on the board [commission];
- 13 (3) is ineligible for membership under Section
- 14 1702.023 or 1702.024;
- 15 (4) cannot, because of illness or disability,
- 16 discharge the member's duties for a substantial part of the member's
- 17 term; or
- 18 (5) is absent from more than half of the regularly
- 19 scheduled board [commission] meetings that the member is eligible
- 20 to attend during a calendar year without an excuse approved by a
- 21 majority vote of the board [commission].
- 22 (b) The validity of an action of the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] is
- 23 not affected by the fact that it is taken when a ground for removal
- 24 of a board [commission] member exists.
- 25 (c) If the chief administrator [director] has knowledge
- 26 that a potential ground for removal exists, the chief administrator
- 27 [director] shall notify the presiding officer of the board

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- 1 [commission] of the potential ground. The presiding officer shall
- 2 then notify the governor and the attorney general that a potential
- 3 ground for removal exists. If the potential ground for removal
- 4 involves the presiding officer, the chief administrator [director]
- 5 shall notify the next highest ranking officer of the board
- 6 [commission], who shall then notify the governor and the attorney
- 7 general that a potential ground for removal exists.
- 8 SECTION 4.08. Section 1702.028, Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.028. PER DIEM; REIMBURSEMENT. (a) A board
- 11 [commission] member is entitled to a per diem as set by legislative
- 12 appropriation for each day the member engages in the business of the
- 13 board [commission].
- 14 (b) A member is entitled to reimbursement for travel
- 15 [transportation] expenses incurred while conducting board
- 16 business, including expenses for transportation, meals, and
- 17 lodging, as prescribed by the General Appropriations Act. [A
- 18 member may not receive compensation for travel expenses, including
- 19 expenses for meals and lodging, other than transportation
- 20 expenses.
- 21 SECTION 4.09. Section 1702.029, Occupations Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.029. MEETINGS. The board [commission] shall meet
- 24 at regular intervals to be decided by the board [commission].
- 25 SECTION 4.10. Section 1702.030, Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.030. TRAINING. (a) A person who is appointed to

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- 1 and qualifies for office as a **board** [commission] member may not
- 2 vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in attendance at a board
- 3 [commission] meeting until the person completes a training program
- 4 that complies with this section.
- 5 (b) The training program must provide the person with
- 6 information regarding:
- 7 (1) this chapter;
- 8 (2) the programs operated by the <u>board</u> [commission];
- 9 (3) the role and functions of the board [commission];
- 10 (4) the rules of the <u>board</u> [commission], with an
- 11 emphasis on the rules that relate to disciplinary and investigatory
- 12 authority;
- 13 (5) the current budget for the board [commission];
- 14 (6) the results of the most recent formal audit of the
- 15 board [commission];
- 16 (7) the requirements of:
- 17 (A) the open meetings law, Chapter 551,
- 18 Government Code;
- 19 (B) the public information law, Chapter 552,
- 20 Government Code;
- (C) the administrative procedure law, Chapter
- 22 2001, Government Code; and
- (D) other laws relating to public officials,
- 24 including conflict of interest laws; and
- 25 (8) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the
- 26 board [commission] or the Texas Ethics Commission.
- (c) A person appointed to the board [commission] is entitled

- 1 to reimbursement, as provided by the General Appropriations Act,
- 2 for the travel expenses incurred in attending the training program
- 3 regardless of whether the attendance at the program occurs before
- 4 or after the person qualifies for office.
- 5 SECTION 4.11. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 1702,
- 6 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 SUBCHAPTER C. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR [DIRECTOR] AND PERSONNEL
- 8 SECTION 4.12. Section 1702.041, Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1702.041. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR [DIRECTOR]. (a) The
- 11 [director is the] chief administrator is responsible for the
- 12 administration of this chapter under the direction of the board
- 13 [commission]. The chief administrator [director] shall perform
- 14 duties as prescribed by the board and the department [commission].
- 15 (b) The <u>chief administrator</u> [<u>director</u>] is a full-time
- 16 employee of the <u>department</u> [commission]. A <u>board</u> [commission]
- 17 member may not serve as chief administrator [director].
- 18 SECTION 4.13. Section 1702.042, Occupations Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.042. PERSONNEL; CONFLICT OF INTEREST. An
- 21 employee of the <u>department</u> whose primary duties include private
- 22 security regulation [commission] may not:
- 23 (1) have a financial or business interest, contingent
- 24 or otherwise, in a security services contractor or investigations
- 25 company; or
- 26 (2) be licensed under this chapter.
- SECTION 4.14. Section 1702.043, Occupations Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1702.043. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES. The board
- 3 [commission] shall develop and implement policies that clearly
- 4 separate the policy-making responsibilities of the board
- 5 [commission] and the management responsibilities of the chief
- 6 <u>administrator</u> [director] and staff of the department [commission].
- 7 SECTION 4.15. Section 1702.044, Occupations Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 1702.044. QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
- 10 INFORMATION. The <u>chief administrator</u> [director] or the <u>chief</u>
- 11 <u>administrator's</u> [<u>director's</u>] designee shall provide to <u>board</u>
- 12 [commission] members and to agency employees, as often as
- 13 necessary, information regarding the requirements for office or
- 14 employment under this chapter, including information regarding a
- 15 person's responsibilities under applicable laws relating to
- 16 standards of conduct for state officers or employees.
- SECTION 4.16. The heading to Subchapter D, Chapter 1702,
- 18 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 19 SUBCHAPTER D. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD [COMMISSION]
- SECTION 4.17. Section 1702.061, Occupations Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.061. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD
- 23 [COMMISSION]. (a) The board [Texas Commission on Private
- 24 Security] shall perform the functions and duties provided by this
- 25 chapter.
- 26 (b) The board [commission] shall adopt rules and general
- 27 policies to guide the agency in the administration of this chapter.

- 1 (c) The rules and policies adopted by the <u>board</u> [commission]
- 2 under Subsection (b) must be consistent with this chapter and other
- 3 <u>board</u> [commission] rules adopted under this chapter and with any
- 4 other applicable law, state rule, or federal regulation.
- 5 (d) The board [commission] has the powers and duties to:
- 6 (1) determine the qualifications of license holders,
- 7 registrants, endorsement holders, and commissioned security
- 8 officers;
- 9 (2) investigate alleged violations of this chapter and
- 10 of board [commission] rules;
- 11 (3) adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter;
- 12 and
- 13 (4) establish and enforce standards governing the
- 14 safety and conduct of each person licensed, registered, or
- 15 commissioned under this chapter.
- 16 (e) The board [commission] shall have a seal in the form
- 17 prescribed by the board [commission].
- 18 [(f) The commission may commission investigators who are
- 19 employed full-time by the commission as peace officers for the
- 20 limited purpose of assisting the commission in investigating
- 21 alleged violations of this chapter and of commission rules.
- SECTION 4.18. Subchapter D, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
- 23 is amended by adding Section 1702.0612 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.0612. NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING AND ALTERNATIVE
- 25 DISPUTE RESOLUTION. (a) The board shall develop and implement a
- 26 policy to encourage the use of:
- 27 (1) negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter

2008, Government Code, for the adoption of board rules; and 1 2 (2) appropriate alternative dispute resolution procedures under Chapter 2009, Government Code, to assist in the 3 resolution of internal and external disputes under the board's 4 5 jurisdiction. 6 (b) The board's procedures relating to alternative dispute resolution must conform, to the extent possible, to any model 7 guidelines issued by the State Office of Administrative Hearings 8 for the use of alternative dispute resolution by state agencies. (c) The board shall designate a trained person to: 10 (1) coordinate the implementation of the policy 11 12 adopted under Subsection (a); (2) serve as a resource for any training needed to 13 14 implement the procedures for negotiated rulemaking or alternative 15 dispute resolution; and 16 (3) collect data concerning the effectiveness of those 17 procedures, as implemented by the board. SECTION 4.19. Section 1702.062, Occupations Code, 18 is amended to read as follows: 19 20 Sec. 1702.062. FEES. (a) The board [commission] by rule shall establish reasonable and necessary fees that produce 21 sufficient revenue to administer this chapter. The fees may not 22 produce unnecessary fund balances. [and may not exceed the 23 24 following amounts: [Class A license \$350 (original and renewal) 25 26 [Class B license \$400 (original and renewal)

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\$540 (original and renewal)

1	[Class D license \$400 (original and renewal)
2	[Reinstate suspended license \$150
3	[Assignment of license \$150
4	[Change name of license \$ 75
5	[Delinquency fee
6	[Branch office certificate and renewal \$300
7	[Registration fee for private investigator, manager, branch
8	office manager, locksmith, electronic access control device
9	installer, and alarm systems installer \$ 30 (original and renewal)
10	[Registration fee for noncommissioned security officer \$ 30
11	(original and renewal)
12	[Registration fee for security salesperson \$ 30
13	[Registration fee for alarm systems monitor \$ 30
14	[Registration fee for dog trainer \$ 30
15	[Registration fee for owner, officer, partner, or
16	shareholder of a license holder \$ 50
17	[Registration fee for security consultant \$300
18	[Registration fee for employee of license holder \$ 30
19	[Security officer commission fee \$ 50
20	(original and renewal)
21	[School instructor fee \$100
22	(original and renewal)
23	[School approval fee \$350
24	(original and renewal)
25	[Letter of authority fee for private business and political
26	subdivision \$400
27	[Letter of authority renewal fee for private business and

1	political subdivision \$225
2	[Letter of authority fee for commissioned officer,
3	noncommissioned officer, or personal protection officer for
4	political subdivision \$ 10
5	[FBI fingerprint check \$ 25
6	[Duplicate pocket card \$ 10
7	[Employee information update fee \$ 15
8	[Burglar alarm sellers renewal fee \$ 30
9	[Personal protection officer authorization \$50]
10	(b) The board [In addition to other fees established under
11	this chapter, the commission] may charge a fee each time the board
12	[commission] requires a person regulated under this chapter to
13	resubmit a set of fingerprints for processing by the <u>board</u>
14	[commission] during the application process for a license,
15	registration, endorsement, or commission. The board [commission]
16	shall set the fee in an amount that is reasonable and necessary to
17	cover the [commission's] administrative expenses related to
18	processing the fingerprints.
19	(c) A person whose pocket card has not expired is not
20	eligible to receive from the board [commission] another pocket card
21	in the same classification in which the pocket card is held.
22	SECTION 4.20. The heading to Section 1702.063, Occupations
23	Code, is amended to read as follows:
24	Sec. 1702.063. <u>BOARD</u> [COMMISSION] USE OF FINES.
25	SECTION 4.21. Section 1702.0635, Occupations Code, is
26	amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.0635. RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN RULES. The board

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- 1 [commission] may not adopt rules or establish unduly restrictive
- 2 experience or education requirements that limit a person's ability
- 3 to be licensed as an electronic access control device company or be
- 4 registered as an electronic access control device installer.
- 5 SECTION 4.22. Section 1702.064, Occupations Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 1702.064. RULES RESTRICTING ADVERTISING OR
- 8 COMPETITIVE BIDDING. (a) The \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] may not adopt
- 9 rules restricting advertising or competitive bidding by a person
- 10 regulated by the <u>board</u> [commission] except to prohibit false,
- 11 misleading, or deceptive practices by the person.
- 12 (b) The board [commission] may not include in its rules to
- 13 prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive practices by a person
- 14 regulated by the board [commission] a rule that:
- 15 (1) restricts the person's use of any medium for
- 16 advertising;
- 17 (2) restricts the person's personal appearance or use
- 18 of the person's personal voice in an advertisement;
- 19 (3) relates to the size or duration of an
- 20 advertisement by the person; or
- 21 (4) restricts the person's advertisement under a trade
- 22 name.
- SECTION 4.23. Section 1702.0645, Occupations Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.0645. PAYMENT OF FEES AND FINES. (a) The board
- 26 [commission] may adopt rules regarding the method of payment of a
- 27 fee or a fine assessed under this chapter.

- 1 (b) Rules adopted under this section may:
- 2 (1) authorize the use of electronic funds transfer or
- 3 a valid credit card issued by a financial institution chartered by a
- 4 state or the federal government or by a nationally recognized
- 5 credit organization approved by the board [commission]; and
- 6 (2) require the payment of a discount or a reasonable
- 7 service charge for a credit card payment in addition to the fee or
- 8 the fine.
- 9 SECTION 4.24. Section 1702.066, Occupations Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1702.066. SERVICE OF PROCESS; SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS ON
- 12 BOARD [COMMISSION]. Legal process and documents required by law to
- 13 be served on or filed with the board [commission] must be served on
- 14 or filed with the chief administrator [director] at the designated
- 15 office of the board [commission].
- 16 SECTION 4.25. Section 1702.067, Occupations Code, is
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.067. BOARD [COMMISSION] RECORDS; EVIDENCE. An
- 19 official record of the board [commission] or an affidavit by the
- 20 chief administrator [director] as to the content of the record is
- 21 prima facie evidence of a matter required to be kept by the board
- 22 [commission].
- 23 SECTION 4.26. Section 1702.068, Occupations Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.068. APPEAL BOND NOT REQUIRED. The board
- 26 [commission] is not required to give an appeal bond in any cause
- 27 arising under this chapter.

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- 1 SECTION 4.27. Section 1702.081, Occupations Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 1702.081. PUBLIC INTEREST INFORMATION. (a) The board
- 4 [commission] shall prepare information of interest to consumers or
- 5 recipients of services regulated under this chapter describing the
- 6 <u>board's</u> [commission's] regulatory functions and the procedures by
- 7 which complaints are filed with and resolved by the board
- 8 [commission].
- 9 (b) The $\underline{\text{board}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$] shall make the information
- 10 available to the public and appropriate state agencies.
- SECTION 4.28. Section 1702.082, Occupations Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.082. COMPLAINTS. (a) The board [commission by
- 14 rule shall establish methods by which consumers and service
- 15 recipients are notified of the name, mailing address, and telephone
- 16 number of the commission for the purpose of directing complaints to
- 17 the commission. The commission may provide for that notice:
- 18 [(1) on each registration form, application, or
- 19 written contract for services of a person regulated under this
- 20 chapter;
- 21 [(2) on a sign prominently displayed in the place of
- 22 business of each person regulated under this chapter; or
- [(3) in a bill for services provided by a person
- 24 regulated under this chapter.
- 25 [(b) The commission] shall maintain a <u>system to promptly and</u>
- 26 efficiently act on complaints [file on each written complaint]
- 27 filed with the board [commission]. The board shall maintain

information about parties to the complaint, [file must include: 1 [(1) the name of the person who filed the complaint; 2 3 the date the complaint is received by the 4 commission; 5 $[\frac{(3)}{3}]$ the subject matter of the complaint, $[\frac{1}{7}]$ [(4) the name of each person contacted in relation to 6 7 the complaint; 8 $[\frac{(5)}{1}]$ a summary of the results of the review or investigation of the complaint, [+] and its disposition 9 10 [(6) an explanation of the reason the file was closed, if the agency closed the file without taking action other than to 11 12 investigate the complaint]. (b) $[\frac{(c)}{(c)}]$ The board $[\frac{commission}{(commission)}]$ shall make information 13 available describing its [provide to the person filing the 14 complaint a copy of the commission's policies and procedures for 15 [relating to] complaint investigation and resolution. 16 (c) The board shall periodically [(d) Unless it would 17 jeopardize an undercover investigation, the commission shall 18 19 provide to each person who is a subject of the complaint a copy of 20 the commission's policies and procedures relating to complaint 21 investigation and resolution. [(e) The commission, at least quarterly until final 22 disposition of the complaint, shall notify the [person filing the] 23 24 complaint parties [and each person who is a subject of the complaint] of the status of the complaint until final disposition 25 [investigation unless the notice would jeopardize an undercover 26 investigation].

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- 1 SECTION 4.29. Section 1702.083, Occupations Code, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 Sec. 1702.083. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. The board
- 4 [commission] shall develop and implement policies that provide the
- 5 public with a reasonable opportunity to appear before the board
- 6 [$\frac{\text{commission}}{\text{commission}}$] and to speak on any issue under the $\frac{\text{board's}}{\text{commission}}$
- 7 [commission's] jurisdiction.
- 8 SECTION 4.30. Section 1702.084, Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1702.084. PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS OF
- 11 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS. (a) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall make
- 12 available to the public through a toll-free telephone number,
- 13 Internet website, or other easily accessible medium determined by
- 14 the $\underline{\text{board}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$] the following information relating to a
- 15 disciplinary action taken during the preceding three years
- 16 regarding a person regulated by the board [commission]:
- 17 (1) the identity of the person;
- 18 (2) the nature of the complaint that was the basis of
- 19 the disciplinary action taken against the person; and
- 20 (3) the disciplinary action taken by the board
- 21 [commission].
- (b) In providing the information, the board [commission]
- 23 shall present the information in an impartial manner, use language
- 24 that is commonly understood, and, if possible, avoid jargon
- 25 specific to the security industry.
- 26 (c) The board [commission] shall update the information on a
- 27 monthly basis.

- 1 (d) The board [commission] shall maintain the
- 2 confidentiality of information regarding the identification of a
- 3 complainant.
- 4 SECTION 4.31. Section 1702.103, Occupations Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 1702.103. CLASSIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LICENSES.
- 7 (a) The license classifications are:
- 8 (1) Class A: investigations company license, covering
- 9 operations of an investigations company;
- 10 (2) Class B: security services contractor license,
- 11 covering operations of a security services contractor;
- 12 (3) Class C: covering the operations included within
- 13 Class A and Class B; [and]
- 14 (4) Class F: level III training school license;
- 15 (5) Class O: alarm level I training school license;
- 16 (6) Class P: private business letter of authority
- 17 license;
- 18 (7) Class X: government letter of authority license;
- 19 and
- 20 (8) Class T: telematics license [Class D: electronic
- 21 access control device license, covering operations of an electronic
- 22 access control device company].
- 23 (b) A [Class A, B, C, or D] license described by this chapter
- 24 does not authorize the license holder to perform a service for which
- 25 the license holder has not qualified. A person may not engage in an
- 26 operation outside the scope of that person's license. The board
- 27 [commission] shall indicate on the license the services the license

- 1 holder is authorized to perform. The license holder may not perform
- 2 a service unless it is indicated on the license.
- 3 (c) A license is not assignable unless the assignment is
- 4 approved in advance by the board [commission].
- 5 (d) The board [commission] shall prescribe by rule the
- 6 procedure under which a license may be terminated.
- 7 <u>(e) The board by rule may establish other license</u>
- 8 classifications for activities expressly regulated by this chapter
- 9 and may establish qualifications and practice requirements
- 10 consistent with this chapter for those license classifications.
- 11 SECTION 4.32. Section 1702.110, Occupations Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1702.110. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. An application for
- 14 a license under this chapter must be in the form prescribed by the
- 15 board [commission] and include:
- 16 (1) the full name and business address of the
- 17 applicant;
- 18 (2) the name under which the applicant intends to do
- 19 business:
- 20 (3) a statement as to the general nature of the
- 21 business in which the applicant intends to engage;
- 22 (4) a statement as to the classification for which the
- 23 applicant requests qualification;
- 24 (5) if the applicant is an entity other than an
- 25 individual, the full name and residence address of each partner,
- 26 officer, and director of the applicant, and of the applicant's
- 27 manager;

- 1 (6) if the applicant is an individual, two
- 2 classifiable sets of fingerprints of the applicant or, if the
- 3 applicant is an entity other than an individual, of each officer and
- 4 of each partner or shareholder who owns at least a 25 percent
- 5 interest in the applicant;
- 6 (7) a verified statement of the applicant's experience
- 7 qualifications in the particular classification in which the
- 8 applicant is applying;
- 9 (8) a report from the department [Texas Department of
- 10 Public Safety] stating the applicant's record of any convictions
- 11 for a Class B misdemeanor or equivalent offense or a greater
- 12 offense;
- 13 (9) the social security number of the individual
- 14 making the application; and
- 15 (10) other information, evidence, statements, or
- 16 documents required by the board [commission].
- SECTION 4.33. Section 1702.111, Occupations Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 1702.111. ISSUANCE OF BRANCH OFFICE LICENSE. (a) A
- 20 license holder, in accordance with Section 1702.129, shall notify
- 21 the <u>board</u> [commission] in writing of the establishment of a branch
- 22 office and file in writing with the board [commission] the address
- 23 of the branch office.
- 24 (b) On application by a license holder, the board
- 25 [commission] shall issue a branch office license.
- SECTION 4.34. Section 1702.112, Occupations Code, is
- 27 amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 1702.112. FORM OF LICENSE. The <u>board</u> [commission]
- 2 shall prescribe the form of a license, including a branch office
- 3 license. The license must include:
- 4 (1) the name of the license holder;
- 5 (2) the name under which the license holder is to
- 6 operate; and
- 7 (3) the license number and the date the license was
- 8 issued.
- 9 SECTION 4.35. Sections 1702.113(a) and (c), Occupations
- 10 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 (a) An applicant for a license, certificate of
- 12 registration, endorsement, or security officer commission or the
- 13 applicant's manager must be at least 18 years of age and must not:
- 14 (1) [have been convicted in any jurisdiction of two or
- 15 more felony offenses, unless full pardons have been granted for all
- 16 convictions for reasons relating to wrongful convictions;
- 17 [(2) have been convicted in any jurisdiction of any of
- 18 the following:
- 19 [(A) a single felony or equivalent offense for
- 20 which the 20th anniversary of the date of conviction has not
- 21 occurred before the date of application, unless a full pardon has
- 22 been granted for reasons relating to a wrongful conviction; or
- 23 [(B) a Class A misdemeanor or equivalent offense
- 24 for which the 10th anniversary of the date of conviction has not
- 25 occurred before the date of application, unless a full pardon has
- 26 been granted for reasons relating to a wrongful conviction;
- [(3)] at the time of application be charged with the

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- 1 commission of a Class A misdemeanor or felony offense, under an
- 2 information or indictment;
- 3 [(4) in the 10 years preceding the date of
- 4 application, have been adjudicated as having engaged in delinquent
- 5 conduct violating a penal law of the grade of felony;
- 6 (2) [(5)] have been found by a court to be incompetent
- 7 by reason of a mental defect or disease and not have been restored
- 8 to competency;
- 9 (3) [(6)] have been dishonorably discharged from the
- 10 United States armed services, discharged from the United States
- 11 armed services under other conditions determined by the board to be
- 12 prohibitive, or dismissed from the United States armed services if
- 13 a commissioned officer in the United States armed services; or
- 14 (4) $\left[\frac{(7)}{(7)}\right]$ be required to register in this or any other
- 15 state as a sex offender, unless the applicant is approved by the
- 16 board under Section 1702.3615.
- 17 (c) For purposes of this section, an offense under the laws
- 18 of this state, another state, or the United States is considered[+
- 19 [(1) a felony if the offense:
- 20 [(A) at the time of conviction was designated by
- 21 a law of this state as a felony, including a state jail felony;
- [(B) contains all the elements of an offense
- 23 designated by a law of this state as a felony, including a state
- 24 jail felony; or
- 25 [(C) is punishable by confinement for one year or
- 26 more in a penitentiary;
- 27 [(2) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is not a

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                     [(B) contains all the elements of an offense
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    designated by a law of this state as a Class A misdemeanor; or
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                     [(C) provides as a possible punishment
    confinement in a jail other than a state jail felony facility; or
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                [\frac{3}{3}] a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is not a
    felony or Class A misdemeanor and the offense:
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                (1) [(A)] at the time of conviction was designated by
    a law of this state as a Class B misdemeanor;
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               (2) [\frac{B}{B}] contains all the elements of an offense
    designated by a law of this state as a Class B misdemeanor; or
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               (3) \left[\frac{(C)}{C}\right] provides
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    confinement in a jail other than a state jail felony facility.
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          SECTION 4.36. Section 1702.114, Occupations Code,
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    amended to read as follows:
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          Sec. 1702.114. ADDITIONAL
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    INVESTIGATIONS COMPANY LICENSE. (a) An applicant for a license to
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    engage in the business of an investigations company or the
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    applicant's manager must have, before the date of the application,
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    three consecutive years' experience in the investigative field as
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an employee, manager, or owner of an investigations company or

(1) reviewed by the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] or the \underline{chief}

satisfy other requirements set by the board [commission].

The applicant's experience must be:

administrator [director]; and

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- 1 (2) determined to be adequate to qualify the applicant
- 2 to engage in the business of an investigations company.
- 3 SECTION 4.37. Section 1702.115, Occupations Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1702.115. ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR SECURITY
- 6 SERVICES CONTRACTOR LICENSE. (a) An applicant for a license to
- 7 engage in the business of a security services contractor or the
- 8 applicant's manager must have, before the date of the application,
- 9 two consecutive years' experience in each security services field
- 10 for which the person applies as an employee, manager, or owner of a
- 11 security services contractor or satisfy other requirements set by
- 12 the board [commission].
- 13 (b) The applicant's experience must have been obtained
- 14 legally and must be:
- 15 (1) reviewed by the <u>board</u> [commission] or the <u>chief</u>
- 16 <u>administrator</u> [director]; and
- 17 (2) determined to be adequate to qualify the applicant
- 18 to engage in the business of a security services contractor.
- 19 SECTION 4.38. Section 1702.116, Occupations Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.116. QUALIFICATIONS FOR GUARD DOG COMPANY
- 22 LICENSE; INSPECTIONS. (a) An applicant for a license to engage in
- 23 the business of a guard dog company must:
- 24 (1) meet the requirements of Sections 1702.113 and
- 25 1702.115; and
- 26 (2) present evidence satisfactory to the board
- 27 [commission] that the applicant will comply with the rules adopted

- 1 under this section.
- 2 (b) After consulting the [Texas] Department of State Health
- 3 <u>Services</u>, the <u>board</u> [commission] shall adopt rules to ensure that
- 4 the areas in which a guard dog company houses, exercises, or trains
- 5 its animals are securely enclosed by a six-foot chain-link fence or
- 6 made equally secure.
- 7 (c) The board [commission] shall conduct regular
- 8 inspections to ensure compliance with the rules adopted under this
- 9 section.
- 10 SECTION 4.39. Sections 1702.117(a), (c), and (d),
- 11 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 12 (a) The board [commission] shall require an applicant for a
- 13 commission, license, registration, or endorsement under this
- 14 chapter or the applicant's manager to demonstrate qualifications in
- 15 the person's license classification, including knowledge of
- 16 applicable state laws and <u>board</u> [commission] rules, by taking an
- 17 examination to be determined by the board [commission].
- 18 (c) The board [commission] shall set the reexamination fee
- 19 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the renewal fee for the
- 20 license classification for which application was made.
- 21 (d) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall develop and provide to a
- 22 person who applies to take the examination under Subsection (a)
- 23 material containing all applicable state laws and board
- 24 [commission] rules.
- 25 SECTION 4.40. Section 1702.118, Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.118. EXAMINATION RESULTS. (a) Not later than the

- 1 30th day after the date a person takes a licensing examination under
- 2 this chapter, the board [commission] shall notify the person of the
- 3 examination results.
- 4 (b) If an examination is graded or reviewed by a testing
- 5 service:
- 6 (1) the <u>board</u> [commission] shall notify the person of
- 7 the examination results not later than the 14th day after the date
- 8 the board [commission] receives the results from the testing
- 9 service; and
- 10 (2) if notice of the examination results will be
- 11 delayed for longer than 90 days after the examination date, the
- 12 board [commission] shall notify the person of the reason for the
- 13 delay before the 90th day.
- 14 (c) The board [commission] may require a testing service to
- 15 notify a person of the results of the person's examination.
- 16 (d) If requested in writing by a person who fails a
- 17 licensing examination administered under this chapter, the board
- 18 [commission] shall furnish the person with an analysis of the
- 19 person's performance on the examination.
- SECTION 4.41. Section 1702.1183, Occupations Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- 22 Sec. 1702.1183. RECIPROCAL LICENSE FOR CERTAIN FOREIGN
- 23 APPLICANTS. (a) The board [commission] may waive any prerequisite
- 24 to obtaining a license for an applicant who holds a license issued
- 25 by another jurisdiction with which this state has a reciprocity
- 26 agreement.
- 27 (b) The board [commission] may make an agreement, subject to

- 1 the approval of the governor, with another state to allow for
- 2 licensing by reciprocity.
- 3 SECTION 4.42. Section 1702.1186, Occupations Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1702.1186. PROVISIONAL LICENSE. (a) The board
- 6 [commission] may issue a provisional license to an applicant
- 7 currently licensed in another jurisdiction who seeks an equivalent
- 8 license in this state and who:
- 9 (1) has been licensed in good standing as an
- 10 investigations company or security services contractor for at least
- 11 two years in another jurisdiction, including a foreign country,
- 12 that has licensing requirements substantially equivalent to the
- 13 requirements of this chapter;
- 14 (2) has passed a national or other examination
- 15 recognized by the \underline{board} [commission] relating to the practice of
- 16 private investigations or security services contracting; and
- 17 (3) is sponsored by a person licensed by the board
- 18 [commission] under this chapter with whom the provisional license
- 19 holder will practice during the time the person holds a provisional
- 20 license.
- 21 (b) A provisional license is valid until the date the <u>board</u>
- 22 [commission] approves or denies the provisional license holder's
- 23 application for a license. The <u>board</u> [commission] shall issue a
- 24 license under this chapter to the provisional license holder if:
- 25 (1) the provisional license holder is eligible to be
- 26 licensed under Section 1702.1183; or
- 27 (2) the provisional license holder:

- 1 (A) passes the part of the examination under
- 2 Section 1702.117(a) that relates to the applicant's knowledge and
- 3 understanding of the laws and rules relating to the practice of an
- 4 investigations company or security services contractor in this
- 5 state;
- 6 (B) is verified by the <u>board</u> [commission] as
- 7 meeting the academic and experience requirements for a license
- 8 under this chapter; and
- 9 (C) satisfies any other licensing requirements
- 10 under this chapter.
- 11 (c) The board [commission] must approve or deny a
- 12 provisional license holder's application for a license not later
- 13 than the 180th day after the date the provisional license is issued.
- 14 The board [commission] may extend the 180-day period if the results
- 15 of an examination have not been received by the <u>board</u> [commission]
- 16 before the end of that period.
- 17 (d) The board [commission] may establish a fee for
- 18 provisional licenses in an amount reasonable and necessary to cover
- 19 the cost of issuing the license.
- SECTION 4.43. Section 1702.120(b), Occupations Code, is
- 21 amended to read as follows:
- (b) An individual may not apply to the board [commission] to
- 23 serve as manager of an investigations company, guard company, alarm
- 24 systems company, armored car company, courier company, or guard dog
- 25 company without the intent to maintain that supervisory position on
- 26 a daily basis for that company.
- SECTION 4.44. Section 1702.121, Occupations Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1702.121. TERMINATION OF MANAGER. A license holder
- 3 shall notify the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] in writing not later than the
- 4 14th day after the date a manager ceases to be manager of the
- 5 license holder's business. The license remains in effect for a
- 6 reasonable period after notice is given as provided by board
- 7 [commission] rule pending the board's [commission's] determination
- 8 of the qualification of another manager under this subchapter.
- 9 SECTION 4.45. Section 1702.122, Occupations Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1702.122. TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF LICENSE HOLDER'S
- 12 BUSINESS. Under the terms provided by board [commission] rule, a
- 13 license holder's business may continue for a temporary period if
- 14 the individual on the basis of whose qualifications a license under
- 15 this chapter has been obtained ceases to be connected with the
- 16 license holder.
- 17 SECTION 4.46. Section 1702.123, Occupations Code, is
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 1702.123. INSURANCE; BOND. (a) A license holder shall
- 20 maintain on file with the board [commission] at all times the surety
- 21 bond and certificate of insurance required by this chapter.
- 22 (b) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall immediately suspend the
- 23 license of a license holder who violates Subsection (a).
- (c) The board [commission] may rescind the license
- 25 suspension if the license holder provides proof to the board
- 26 [commission] that the bond or the insurance coverage is still in
- 27 effect. The license holder must provide the proof in a form

- 1 satisfactory to the board [commission] not later than the 10th day
- 2 after the date the license is suspended.
- 3 (d) After suspension of the license, the <u>board</u> [commission]
- 4 may not reinstate the license until an application, in the form
- 5 prescribed by the board [commission], is filed accompanied by a
- 6 proper bond, insurance certificate, or both. The board
- 7 [commission] may deny the application notwithstanding the
- 8 applicant's compliance with this section:
- 9 (1) for a reason that would justify suspending,
- 10 revoking, or denying a license; or
- 11 (2) if, during the suspension, the applicant performs
- 12 a practice for which a license is required.
- SECTION 4.47. Section 1702.125, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.125. BOND REQUIREMENT. A bond executed and filed
- 16 with the board [commission] under this chapter remains in effect
- 17 until the surety terminates future liability by providing to the
- 18 board [commission] at least 30 days' notice of the intent to
- 19 terminate liability.
- SECTION 4.48. Sections 1702.127(b) and (c), Occupations
- 21 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 22 (b) A license holder shall maintain a record containing
- 23 information related to the license holder's employees as required
- 24 by the board [commission].
- 25 (c) A license holder shall maintain for board [commission]
- 26 inspection at the license holder's principal place of business or
- 27 branch office two recent color photographs, of a type required by

- 1 the $\underline{\text{board}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$], of each applicant, registrant,
- 2 commissioned security officer, and employee of the license holder.
- 3 SECTION 4.49. Section 1702.129, Occupations Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1702.129. NOTICE OF CERTAIN CHANGES; BRANCH OFFICES.
- 6 (a) A license holder shall notify the <u>board</u> [commission] not later
- 7 than the 14th day after the date of:
- 8 (1) a change of address for the license holder's
- 9 principal place of business;
- 10 (2) a change of a name under which the license holder
- 11 does business; or
- 12 (3) a change in the license holder's officers or
- 13 partners.
- 14 (b) A license holder shall notify the board [commission] in
- 15 writing not later than the 14th day after the date a branch office:
- 16 (1) is established;
- 17 (2) is closed; or
- 18 (3) changes address or location.
- 19 SECTION 4.50. Section 1702.131, Occupations Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.131. ADVERTISING. An advertisement by a license
- 22 holder soliciting or advertising business must contain the license
- 23 holder's company name and address as stated in board [commission]
- 24 records.
- 25 SECTION 4.51. Section 1702.161(b), Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (b) An individual employed as a security officer may not

- 1 knowingly carry a firearm during the course of performing duties as
- 2 a security officer unless the \underline{board} [commission] has issued a
- 3 security officer commission to the individual.
- 4 SECTION 4.52. Section 1702.162, Occupations Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 1702.162. EMPLOYER'S APPLICATION FOR SECURITY OFFICER
- 7 COMMISSION. The employer of a security officer who applies for a
- 8 security officer commission for the officer must submit an
- 9 application to the board [commission] on a form provided by the
- 10 board [commission].
- 11 SECTION 4.53. Section 1702.165, Occupations Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1702.165. ISSUANCE OF SECURITY OFFICER COMMISSION;
- 14 POCKET CARD. (a) The board [commission], with the concurrence of
- 15 the <u>department</u> [<u>Texas Department of Public Safety</u>]:
- 16 (1) may issue a security officer commission to an
- 17 individual employed as a uniformed security officer; and
- 18 (2) shall issue a security officer commission to a
- 19 qualified employee of an armored car company that is a carrier
- 20 conducting the armored car business under a federal or state permit
- 21 or certificate.
- 22 (b) A security officer commission issued under this section
- 23 must be in the form of a pocket card designed by the board
- 24 [commission] that identifies the security officer.
- 25 SECTION 4.54. Section 1702.167, Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.167. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT AS COMMISSIONED

- 1 SECURITY OFFICER; TRANSFER OF COMMISSION. The holder of a security
- 2 officer commission who terminates employment with one employer may
- 3 transfer the individual's commission to a new employer if, not
- 4 later than the 14th day after the date the individual begins the new
- 5 employment, the new employer notifies the board [commission] of the
- 6 transfer of employment on a form prescribed by the <u>board</u>
- 7 [commission], accompanied by payment of the employee information
- 8 update fee.
- 9 SECTION 4.55. Sections 1702.1675(a), (b), (c), (d), (e),
- 10 (f), and (i), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 11 (a) The board [commission] shall establish a basic training
- 12 course for commissioned security officers. The course must
- 13 include, at a minimum:
- 14 (1) general security officer training issues;
- 15 (2) classroom instruction on handgun proficiency; and
- 16 (3) range instruction on handgun proficiency.
- 17 (b) The course must be offered and taught by schools and
- 18 instructors approved by the board [commission]. To receive board
- 19 [commission] approval, a school or an instructor must submit an
- 20 application to the board [commission] on a form provided by the
- 21 <u>board</u> [commission].
- 22 (c) The basic training course approved by the <u>board</u>
- 23 [commission] must consist of a minimum of 30 hours.
- 24 (d) The general security officer training portion of the
- 25 course must include instruction on:
- 26 (1) board [commission] rules and applicable state
- 27 laws;

- 1 (2) field note taking and report writing; and
- 2 (3) any other topics of security officer training
- 3 curriculum the board [commission] considers necessary.
- 4 (e) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall develop a commissioned
- 5 security officer training manual that contains applicable state
- 6 laws and board [commission] rules to be used in the instruction and
- 7 training of commissioned security officers.
- 8 (f) The board [commission] shall adopt rules necessary to
- 9 administer the provisions of this section concerning the training
- 10 requirements of this chapter.
- 11 (i) The board [commission] by rule shall establish minimum
- 12 standards for handgun proficiency that are at least as stringent as
- 13 the standards for handgun proficiency developed by the public
- 14 safety director under Section 411.188, Government Code.
- SECTION 4.56. Section 1702.168, Occupations Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 1702.168. FIREARM REQUIREMENTS. (a) In addition to
- 18 the requirements of Section 1702.163(a), the board [commission] by
- 19 rule shall establish other qualifications for individuals who are
- 20 employed in positions requiring the carrying of firearms. The
- 21 qualifications may include:
- 22 (1) physical and mental standards;
- 23 (2) standards of good moral character; and
- 24 (3) other requirements that relate to the competency
- 25 and reliability of individuals to carry firearms.
- 26 (b) The board [commission] shall prescribe appropriate
- 27 forms and adopt rules by which evidence is presented that the

- 1 requirements are fulfilled.
- 2 SECTION 4.57. Sections 1702.1685(b) and (d), Occupations
- 3 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (b) Only a board-approved [commission-approved] instructor
- 5 may administer the handgun proficiency examination.
- 6 (d) The school shall maintain the records of the required
- 7 proficiency and make the records available for inspection by the
- 8 board [commission].
- 9 SECTION 4.58. Section 1702.171, Occupations Code, is
- 10 amended to read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1702.171. SECURITY OFFICER COMMISSION RECORDS. The
- 12 board [commission] shall adopt rules for the maintenance of records
- 13 relating to an individual to whom the board [commission] has issued
- 14 a security officer commission.
- 15 SECTION 4.59. Section 1702.183, Occupations Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 Sec. 1702.183. APPLICATION FOR LETTER OF AUTHORITY. A
- 18 security department of a private business or of a political
- 19 subdivision that applies for a security officer commission for an
- 20 individual employed by the security department must submit an
- 21 application to the board [commission] for a letter of authority on a
- 22 form provided by the board [commission].
- SECTION 4.60. The heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 1702,
- 24 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 25 SUBCHAPTER I. PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER ENDORSEMENT
- 26 [AUTHORIZATION] REQUIREMENTS
- 27 SECTION 4.61. Section 1702.201, Occupations Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1702.201. PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER ENDORSEMENT
- 3 [AUTHORIZATION] REQUIRED. A commissioned security officer may not
- 4 act as a personal protection officer unless the officer holds a
- 5 personal protection officer endorsement [authorization].
- 6 SECTION 4.62. Section 1702.203, Occupations Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 1702.203. APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER
- 9 ENDORSEMENT [AUTHORIZATION]. An applicant for a personal
- 10 protection officer endorsement [authorization] must submit a
- 11 written application on a form prescribed by the \underline{board} [commission].
- 12 SECTION 4.63. Section 1702.204, Occupations Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 1702.204. PERSONAL PROTECTION OFFICER ENDORSEMENT
- 15 [AUTHORIZATION]; QUALIFICATIONS. (a) An applicant for a personal
- 16 protection officer endorsement [authorization] must be at least 21
- 17 years of age and must provide:
- 18 (1) a certificate of completion of the basic security
- 19 officer training course;
- 20 (2) proof that the applicant:
- 21 (A) has been issued a security officer
- 22 commission;
- 23 (B) is employed at the time of application by an
- 24 investigations company or guard company licensed by the board
- 25 [commission]; and
- (C) has completed the required training in
- 27 nonlethal self-defense or defense of a third person; and

- 1 (3) proof of completion and the results of the
- 2 Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory psychological testing.
- 3 (b) The <u>board</u> [commission] by rule shall require an
- 4 applicant for a personal protection officer endorsement
- 5 [authorization] to complete the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality
- 6 Inventory test. The **board** [commission] may use the results of the
- 7 test to evaluate the applicant's psychological fitness.
- 8 SECTION 4.64. Section 1702.205(a), Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 (a) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall establish a 15-hour course
- 11 for a personal protection officer consisting of training in
- 12 nonlethal self-defense or defense of a third person.
- SECTION 4.65. Section 1702.206, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.206. CONCEALED FIREARMS. An individual acting as
- 16 a personal protection officer may not carry a concealed firearm
- 17 unless the officer:
- 18 (1) is either:
- 19 (A) engaged in the exclusive performance of the
- 20 officer's duties as a personal protection officer for the employer
- 21 under whom the officer's personal protection officer endorsement
- 22 [authorization] is issued; or
- 23 (B) traveling to or from the officer's place of
- 24 assignment; and
- 25 (2) carries the officer's security officer commission
- 26 and personal protection officer endorsement [authorization] on the
- 27 officer's person while performing the officer's duties or traveling

as described by Subdivision (1) and presents the commission and 1 endorsement [authorization] on request. 2 SECTION 4.66. Section 1702.221, Occupations 3 Code, is amended to read as follows: 4 Sec. 1702.221. REGISTRATION AND ENDORSEMENT REQUIRED. 5 Before an individual may perform any activity regulated by this 6 7 chapter, the individual must: 8 (1) register in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and related administrative rules; 9 10 (2) obtain the proper endorsement under Subsection (b); and 11 12 (3) be employed by a company licensed under this 13 chapter. 14 (b) An individual must obtain the appropriate endorsement 15 [register] in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and related administrative rules if the individual: 16 17 (1) is employed as: (A) an alarm instructor; 18 19 (B) an alarm systems installer; 20 (C) an [7] alarm systems monitor; 21 (D) an $[\tau]$ electronic access control device 22 installer; 23 (E) a level 3 classroom or firearm instructor; 24 (F) a [7] locksmith;

(H) a $[\tau]$ manager or branch office manager;

(I) a $[\tau]$ noncommissioned security officer;

(G) \underline{a} [$\boldsymbol{\tau}$] dog trainer $\underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}$

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1 (J) a level 4 personal protection instructor; 2 (K) a $[\tau]$ private investigator; 3 (L) a $[\tau]$ private security consultant; (M) a [- or] security salesperson; or 4 5 (N) an individual whose duties include performing another activity for which an endorsement is required 6 under Subsection (e); or 7 8 is an owner, officer, partner, or shareholder of a 9 license holder. 10 (c) [(b)] Registration and endorsement under this chapter does not preclude an individual from performing additional duties 11 12 or services authorized by the individual's employer that are not regulated by this chapter. An individual who performs more than one 13 of the services that require an endorsement under this section must 14 15 obtain an endorsement for each service. (d) In addition to the services listed in Subsection (a), a 16 person holding a security officer commission must also obtain an 17 endorsement for personal protection if the individual performs the 18 19 services described by Section 1702.202. (e) The board by rule may require a person to hold an 20 endorsement for performing other activity expressly regulated by 21

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device installer may not install alarm systems unless the person

holds an endorsement [is registered] under this chapter as an alarm

SECTION 4.67. Section 1702.2226(b), Occupations Code, is

(b) A person registered as an electronic access control

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amended to read as follows:

- 1 systems installer.
- 2 SECTION 4.68. The heading to Subchapter J, Chapter 1702,
- 3 Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 4 SUBCHAPTER J. REGISTRATION AND ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS;
- 5 [REGISTRANT] DUTIES OF REGISTRANT AND ENDORSEMENT HOLDER
- 6 SECTION 4.69. Section 1702.228, Occupations Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 1702.228. EMPLOYEE OF LICENSE HOLDER; REGISTRATION
- 9 PERMITTED. An employee of a license holder who is employed in a
- 10 capacity that is not subject to mandatory registration under this
- 11 subchapter may register with the board [commission].
- 12 SECTION 4.70. Section 1702.230, Occupations Code, is
- 13 amended to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 1702.230. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR
- 15 <u>ENDORSEMENT</u>. (a) An application for registration <u>or endorsement</u>
- 16 must be verified and include:
- 17 (1) the applicant's full name, residence address,
- 18 residence telephone number, date and place of birth, and social
- 19 security number;
- 20 (2) a statement that:
- 21 (A) lists each name used by the applicant, other
- 22 than the name by which the applicant is known at the time of
- 23 application, and an explanation stating each place where each name
- 24 was used, the date of each use, and a full explanation of the
- 25 reasons the name was used; or
- 26 (B) states that the applicant has never used a
- 27 name other than the name by which the applicant is known at the time

- 1 of application;
- 2 (3) the name and address of the applicant's employer
- 3 and, if applicable, the applicant's consulting firm;
- 4 (4) the date the employment commenced;
- 5 (5) a letter from the license holder requesting that
- 6 the applicant be registered or endorsed;
- 7 (6) the title of the position occupied by the
- 8 applicant and a description of the applicant's duties; and
- 9 (7) any other information, evidence, statement, or
- 10 document required by the board [commission].
- 11 (b) The employer of the applicant shall make a reasonable
- 12 attempt to verify the information required under Subsection (a)(1).
- SECTION 4.71. Section 1702.2305, Occupations Code, is
- 14 amended to read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 1702.2305. PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION. (a) The board
- 16 [commission] may issue a provisional registration to an applicant
- 17 currently registered in another jurisdiction who seeks an
- 18 equivalent registration in this state and who:
- 19 (1) has been registered in good standing in the field
- 20 in which the registration is sought for at least two years in
- 21 another jurisdiction, including a foreign country, that has
- 22 registration requirements substantially equivalent to the
- 23 requirements of this chapter;
- 24 (2) has passed a national or other examination
- 25 recognized by the board [commission] relating to practice in the
- 26 field in which the registration is sought; and
- 27 (3) is employed by a person licensed by the board

- 1 [commission] under this chapter with whom the provisional
- 2 registration holder will practice during the time the person holds
- 3 a provisional registration.
- 4 (b) A provisional registration is valid until the date the
- 5 board [commission] approves or denies the provisional registration
- 6 holder's application for a registration. The board [commission]
- 7 shall issue a registration under this chapter to the provisional
- 8 registration holder if the provisional registration holder is
- 9 eligible to be registered under this chapter.
- 10 (c) The $\underline{\text{board}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$] must approve or deny a
- 11 provisional registration holder's application for a registration
- 12 not later than the 180th day after the date the provisional
- 13 registration is issued. The \underline{board} [commission] may extend the
- 14 180-day period if the results of an examination have not been
- 15 received by the \underline{board} [commission] before the end of that period.
- 16 (d) The <u>board</u> [commission] may establish a fee for
- 17 provisional registration in an amount reasonable and necessary to
- 18 cover the cost of issuing the registration.
- 19 SECTION 4.72. Section 1702.232, Occupations Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.232. POCKET CARDS. (a) The board [commission]
- 22 shall issue a pocket card for each registrant under this chapter. A
- 23 pocket card for an owner, officer, partner, or shareholder of a
- 24 license holder shall be issued to the license holder.
- 25 (b) The board [commission] shall determine the size,
- 26 design, and content of the pocket card.
- 27 (c) The pocket card must:

- 1 (1) state the name of the registrant;
- 2 (2) contain a color photograph and the signature of
- 3 the registrant; [and]
- 4 (3) state the date the card was issued and the card's
- 5 expiration date; and
- 6 (4) state each endorsement held by the registrant and
- 7 the date the endorsement expires.
- 8 SECTION 4.73. Section 1702.234, Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 Sec. 1702.234. REGISTRATION AND ENDORSEMENT TRANSFER. A
- 11 registrant may transfer the registrant's registration and
- 12 endorsements from one employer to another employer if, not later
- 13 than the 14th day after the date the registrant begins the new
- 14 employment, the new employer notifies the board [commission] of the
- 15 transfer of employment on a form prescribed by the <u>board</u>
- 16 [commission] accompanied by payment of the employee information
- 17 update fee.
- 18 SECTION 4.74. Section 1702.235, Occupations Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 Sec. 1702.235. PREEMPLOYMENT CHECK FOR NONCOMMISSIONED
- 21 SECURITY OFFICERS. A person may not hire a noncommissioned
- 22 security officer unless the person conducts a preemployment check
- 23 as required by board [commission] rule.
- SECTION 4.75. Section 1702.236, Occupations Code, is
- 25 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.236. EXAMINATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR
- 27 ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL DEVICE INSTALLERS. (a) The board

- 1 [commission] shall require an individual who applies for an
- 2 endorsement [registration] as an electronic access control device
- 3 installer to pass an examination given by the board [commission] or
- 4 a person approved by the board [commission]. The examination must
- 5 cover material related to access control.
- 6 (b) $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(c)}}$ On and after September 1, 2005, the <u>board</u>
- 7 [commission] by rule may allow an electronic access control device
- 8 installer to obtain or renew an endorsement [a certificate of
- 9 registration] by fulfilling the requirements of a board-approved
- 10 [commission-approved], industry-based educational training
- 11 program.
- 12 SECTION 4.76. Sections 1702.239(a), (b), and (d),
- 13 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 14 (a) The board [commission] may require that an individual
- 15 employed as an alarm systems installer or security salesperson hold
- 16 a certification by a <u>board-approved</u> [commission-approved] training
- 17 program to renew an endorsement [an initial registration]. The
- 18 board [commission] may approve only nationally recognized training
- 19 programs that consist of at least 16 hours of classroom study in the
- 20 areas of work allowed by the endorsement [registration]. To be
- 21 approved, a training program must offer at least two certification
- 22 programs each year, sufficient to complete the requirements of this
- 23 subsection, within 100 miles of each county in the state that has a
- 24 population of more than 500,000.
- 25 (b) The board [commission] may require an individual who has
- 26 completed a training program under Subsection (a) to pass an
- 27 examination given by the board [commission] or by a person approved

- 1 by the <u>board</u> [commission]. The <u>board</u> [commission] may approve
- 2 examinations in conjunction with training programs approved under
- 3 Subsection (a). The individual's performance on the examination
- 4 must demonstrate the individual's qualifications to perform the
- 5 duties allowed by the individual's endorsement [registration].
- 6 (d) If the <u>board</u> [commission] requires certification or
- 7 examination under this section, the board [commission] shall
- 8 implement rules to require that to renew <u>an endorsement</u> [a
- 9 registration], an individual who is employed as an alarm systems
- 10 installer or a security salesperson and who has already once
- 11 renewed the $\underline{\text{endorsement}}$ [$\underline{\text{registration}}$] must obtain continuing
- 12 education credits related to the line of work for which the
- 13 individual is licensed. If the board [commission] requires the
- 14 continuing education, the <u>chief administrator</u> [<u>director</u>] must
- 15 approve classes offered by nationally recognized organizations,
- 16 and participants in the classes must qualify according to <u>board</u>
- 17 [commission] rules.
- SECTION 4.77. Section 1702.240(b), Occupations Code, is
- 19 amended to read as follows:
- 20 (b) An employee of a license holder who is employed
- 21 exclusively as an undercover agent is not required to register with
- 22 the board [commission].
- SECTION 4.78. Subchapter J, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
- 24 is amended by adding Section 1702.241 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.241. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION. (a) The board
- 26 may develop and administer at least twice each calendar year a
- 27 jurisprudence examination to determine the knowledge that an

- 1 applicant for an endorsement has of this chapter, board rules, and
- 2 any other applicable laws of this state affecting the applicant's
- 3 activities regulated under this chapter.
- 4 (b) Before the board may administer a jurisprudence
- 5 examination under this section, the board shall adopt rules to
- 6 implement this section, including rules related to the development
- 7 and administration of the examination, examination fees,
- 8 guidelines for reexamination, grading the examination, and
- 9 providing notice of examination results. The board may design
- 10 <u>different examinations for different types of endorsements.</u>
- 11 SECTION 4.79. Sections 1702.282(a), (c), and (e),
- 12 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 13 (a) The board shall conduct a criminal history check,
- 14 including a check of any criminal history record information
- 15 maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the manner
- 16 provided by Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, on each
- 17 applicant for a license, registration, security officer
- 18 commission, letter of approval, permit, endorsement, or
- 19 certification. An applicant is not eligible for a license,
- 20 registration, commission, letter of approval, permit, endorsement,
- 21 or certification if the check reveals that the applicant has
- 22 committed an act that constitutes grounds for the denial of the
- 23 license, registration, commission, letter of approval, permit,
- 24 endorsement, or certification. Except as provided by Subsection
- 25 (d), each applicant shall include in the application two complete
- 26 sets of fingerprints on forms prescribed by the board accompanied
- 27 by the fee set by the board.

- 1 (c) A license, registration, security officer commission,
- 2 letter of approval, permit, endorsement, or certification issued by
- 3 the board is conditional on the board's receipt of criminal history
- 4 record information.
- 5 (e) On receipt of notice that a check of the applicant's
- 6 criminal record has uncovered an unresolved and potentially
- 7 disqualifying arrest that occurred before the 10th anniversary of
- 8 the date the application is filed, the applicant must provide a
- 9 letter of reference from the county sheriff, prosecuting attorney,
- 10 or judge of the county in which the applicant was arrested stating
- 11 that a record of a disposition related to the arrest does not exist,
- 12 and to the best of the county sheriff's, prosecuting attorney's, or
- 13 judge's knowledge the applicant is free of any disqualifying
- 14 convictions. If the applicant fails to provide either the letter of
- 15 reference or documentary proof of the final disposition of the
- 16 arrest, the application is considered incomplete and the applicant
- 17 may not be issued a license, commission, endorsement, or
- 18 certificate of registration under this chapter.
- 19 SECTION 4.80. Section 1702.283, Occupations Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.283. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. A person who has been
- 22 convicted of cruelty to animals under Section 42.09 or 42.092,
- 23 Penal Code:
- 24 (1) is ineligible for a license as a guard dog company
- 25 or for endorsement [registration] as a dog trainer; and
- 26 (2) may not be employed to work with dogs as a security
- 27 officer by a security services contractor or security department of

- 1 a private business that uses dogs to protect individuals or
- 2 property or to conduct investigations.
- 3 SECTION 4.81. Section 1702.285, Occupations Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1702.285. FALSE REPRESENTATION. A person may not
- 6 represent falsely that the person:
- 7 (1) is employed by a license holder; or
- 8 (2) is licensed, registered, <u>endorsed,</u> or
- 9 commissioned under this chapter.
- 10 SECTION 4.82. Sections 1702.301(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and
- 11 (h), Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 12 (c) A personal protection officer endorsement
- 13 [authorization] expires on the expiration date of the security
- 14 officer commission under which the individual's <u>endorsement</u>
- 15 [authorization] is issued.
- 16 (d) Endorsement [Registration] as a private investigator,
- 17 manager, branch office manager, alarm systems installer, security
- 18 consultant, security salesperson, alarm systems monitor, or dog
- 19 trainer expires on the second anniversary of the date of
- 20 endorsement [registration].
- 21 (e) <u>Endorsement</u> [<u>Registration</u>] as an owner, officer,
- 22 partner, or shareholder of a license holder expires on the second
- 23 anniversary of the date of endorsement [registration].
- 24 (f) Endorsement [Registration] as a noncommissioned
- 25 security officer expires on the second anniversary of the date of
- 26 endorsement [registration].
- 27 (g) A letter of authority, or a school approval or school

- 1 instructor approval letter issued by the board [commission],
- 2 expires on the first anniversary of the date of issuance.
- 3 (h) A license, [or] registration, or endorsement issued
- 4 under this chapter, other than one specified in this section,
- 5 expires on the date specified by this chapter or by board
- 6 [commission] rule.
- 7 SECTION 4.83. Section 1702.302, Occupations Code, is
- 8 amended to read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 1702.302. LICENSE RENEWAL. (a) A person who is
- 10 otherwise eligible to renew a license may renew an unexpired
- 11 license by paying the required renewal fee to the board
- 12 [commission] before the expiration date of the license. A person
- 13 whose license has expired may not engage in activities that require
- 14 a license until the license has been renewed.
- 15 (b) A person whose license has been expired for 90 days or
- 16 less may renew the license by paying to the board [commission] a
- 17 renewal fee that is equal to 1-1/2 times the normally required
- 18 renewal fee.
- 19 (c) A person whose license has been expired for longer than
- 20 90 days but less than one year may renew the license by paying to the
- 21 <u>board</u> [commission] a renewal fee that is equal to two times the
- 22 normally required renewal fee.
- 23 (d) A person whose license has been expired for one year or
- 24 more may not renew the license. The person may obtain a new license
- 25 by complying with the requirements and procedures, including the
- 26 examination requirements, for obtaining an original license.
- (e) Not later than the 30th day before the date a person's

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- 1 license is scheduled to expire, the <u>board</u> [commission] shall send
- 2 written notice of the impending expiration to the person at the
- 3 person's last known address according to the board's [commission's]
- 4 records.
- 5 SECTION 4.84. Section 1702.303, Occupations Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 1702.303. RENEWAL OF EXPIRED LICENSE BY OUT-OF-STATE
- 8 PRACTITIONER. A person who was licensed in this state, moved to
- 9 another state, and is currently licensed and has been in practice in
- 10 the other state for the two years preceding the date the person
- 11 applies for renewal may obtain a new license without reexamination.
- 12 The person must pay to the board [commission] a fee that is equal to
- 13 two times the normally required renewal fee for the license.
- 14 SECTION 4.85. Section 1702.304, Occupations Code, is
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- 16 Sec. 1702.304. STAGGERED RENEWAL; PRORATION OF LICENSE FEE.
- 17 The board [commission] by rule may adopt a system under which
- 18 licenses expire on various dates during the year. For the year in
- 19 which the expiration date of a license is changed, the board
- 20 [commission] shall prorate license fees on a monthly basis so that
- 21 each license holder pays only that portion of the license fee that
- 22 is allocable to the number of months during which the license is
- 23 valid. On renewal of the license on the new expiration date, the
- 24 total license renewal fee is payable.
- 25 SECTION 4.86. Section 1702.307, Occupations Code, is
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.307. REGISTRATION RENEWAL. (a) An individual

- 1 who is otherwise eligible to renew a registration may renew an
- 2 unexpired registration by paying the required renewal fee to the
- 3 board [commission] before the expiration date of the registration.
- 4 An individual whose registration has expired may not engage in
- 5 activities that require a registration until the registration has
- 6 been renewed.
- 7 (b) An individual whose registration has been expired for 90
- 8 days or less may renew the registration by paying to the board
- 9 [commission] a renewal fee that is equal to 1-1/2 times the normally
- 10 required renewal fee.
- 11 (c) An individual whose registration has been expired for
- 12 more than 90 days but less than one year may renew the registration
- 13 by paying to the board [commission] a renewal fee that is equal to
- 14 two times the normally required renewal fee.
- 15 (d) An individual whose registration has been expired for
- 16 one year or more may not renew the registration. The individual may
- 17 obtain a new registration by complying with the requirements and
- 18 procedures, including any examination required by the board
- 19 [commission], for obtaining an original registration.
- 20 (e) An individual who was registered in this state, moved to
- 21 another state, and is currently registered and has been in practice
- 22 in the other state for the two years preceding the date of
- 23 application may obtain a new registration without reexamination.
- 24 The individual must pay to the board [commission] a fee that is
- 25 equal to two times the normally required renewal fee for the
- 26 registration.
- 27 (f) Not later than the 30th day before the expiration date

- 1 of an individual's registration, the board [commission] shall send
- 2 written notice of the impending expiration to the individual at the
- 3 individual's last known address according to board [commission]
- 4 records.
- 5 SECTION 4.87. Sections 1702.308(b) and (c), Occupations
- 6 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) The <u>board</u> [commission] shall recognize, prepare, or
- 8 administer continuing education programs for license holders,
- 9 commissioned security officers, and endorsement holders
- 10 [registrants]. The board [commission] shall set the minimum number
- 11 of hours that must be completed and the types of programs that may
- 12 be offered.
- 13 (c) A license holder, commissioned security officer, or
- 14 endorsement holder [registrant] must participate in the programs to
- 15 the extent required by the \underline{board} [commission] to keep the person's
- 16 license, commission, or <u>endorsement</u> [<u>registration</u>]. A license
- 17 holder, commissioned security officer, or endorsement holder
- 18 [registrant] shall submit evidence of compliance with the board's
- 19 [commission's] continuing education requirements in a manner
- 20 prescribed by the $\underline{\text{board}}$ [$\underline{\text{commission}}$].
- SECTION 4.88. Section 1702.309(a), Occupations Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- 23 (a) The board [commission] by rule shall develop a
- 24 continuing education course required for renewal of a security
- 25 officer commission. Only a board-approved [commission-approved]
- 26 instructor may administer the continuing education course. The
- 27 course must include at least six hours of instruction determined by

- 1 the chief administrator [director] of the board [commission].
- 2 SECTION 4.89. Sections 1702.321(b), (c), and (e),
- 3 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (b) The provisions of this chapter relating to security
- 5 officer commissions apply to a person employed by a political
- 6 subdivision whose duties include serving as a security guard,
- 7 security watchman, or security patrolman on property owned or
- 8 operated by the political subdivision if the governing body of the
- 9 political subdivision files a written request with the board
- 10 [commission] for the board [commission] to issue a commission to
- 11 the political subdivision's employees with those duties.
- 12 (c) The board [commission] may not charge a fee for issuing
- 13 a commission to an officer under Subsection (b). The board
- 14 [commission] shall issue to the officer a pocket card designating
- 15 the political subdivision that employs the officer.
- 16 (e) The board [commission] may approve a security officer
- 17 training program conducted by the political subdivision in
- 18 accordance with Sections 1702.1675 and 1702.168.
- 19 SECTION 4.90. Sections 1702.361(a) and (b), Occupations
- 20 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 21 (a) Subject to the board's final order under the hearing
- 22 provisions of this subchapter, the department, for conduct
- 23 described by Subsection (b), may:
- 24 (1) deny an application or revoke, suspend, or refuse
- 25 to renew a license, registration, endorsement, or security officer
- 26 commission;
- 27 (2) reprimand a license holder, registrant, or

- 1 commissioned security officer; or
- 2 (3) place on probation a person whose license,
- 3 registration, endorsement, or security officer commission has been
- 4 suspended.
- 5 (b) The department shall take disciplinary action described
- 6 by Subsection (a) on proof:
- 7 (1) that the applicant, license holder, registrant,
- 8 endorsement holder, or commissioned security officer has:
- 9 (A) violated this chapter or a rule adopted under
- 10 this chapter;
- 11 (B) become ineligible for licensure, [or]
- 12 registration, or endorsement under Section 1702.113, or a
- 13 commission under Section 1702.163, if applicable, other than an
- 14 action for which the department has taken summary action under
- 15 Section 1702.364;
- 16 (C) engaged in fraud, deceit, or
- 17 misrepresentation;
- 18 (D) made a material misstatement in an
- 19 application for or renewal of a license, registration, endorsement,
- 20 or commission; [or]
- (E) failed to pay in full an administrative
- 22 penalty assessed under Subchapter Q, for which the board has issued
- 23 a final order; or
- 24 (F) performed any service for which an
- 25 endorsement is required under this chapter and either:
- (i) was not employed with a company
- 27 licensed under this chapter at the time the service was performed;

- 1 <u>or</u>
- 2 <u>(ii)</u> performed the service for a company
- 3 <u>licensed under this chapter that was not listed on the individual's</u>
- 4 registration without informing the board of the individual's
- 5 employment with the company within a reasonable period; or
- 6 (2) that the license holder of a registrant or
- 7 commissioned security officer has submitted to the department
- 8 sufficient evidence that the registrant or commissioned security
- 9 officer:
- 10 (A) engaged in fraud or deceit while employed by
- 11 the license holder; or
- 12 (B) committed theft while performing work as a
- 13 registrant or commissioned security officer.
- 14 SECTION 4.91. Section 1702.362, Occupations Code, is
- 15 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.362. FAILURE TO FILE REQUIRED NOTICE. The board
- 17 [commission] may suspend or revoke a license if the license holder
- 18 fails to notify the board [commission] as required by Section
- 19 1702.121 that a manager has ceased to be the manager of the license
- 20 holder.
- 21 SECTION 4.92. Section 1702.363, Occupations Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.363. APPLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
- 24 ACT. Except as provided by Sections 1702.3615(b) and 1702.364, a
- 25 person regulated under this chapter against whom the board
- 26 [commission] has taken action is entitled to a hearing before the
- 27 State Office of Administrative Hearings. A proceeding under this

- 1 section is a contested case that is governed by Chapter 2001,
- 2 Government Code.
- 3 SECTION 4.93. Sections 1702.364(a), (d), (f), and (h),
- 4 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 5 (a) On receiving written notice from a law enforcement
- 6 agency that a person has been charged with or convicted of an
- 7 offense that would make the person ineligible for a license,
- 8 certificate of registration, endorsement, or security officer
- ocommission under Section 1702.113 or 1702.163, the department
- 10 shall:
- 11 (1) summarily deny the person's application for a
- 12 license, registration, endorsement, or security officer
- 13 commission;
- 14 (2) in the event of pending charges, summarily suspend
- 15 the person's license, certificate of registration, endorsement, or
- 16 security officer commission; or
- 17 (3) in the event of a conviction, summarily revoke the
- 18 person's license, certificate of registration, endorsement, or
- 19 security officer commission.
- 20 (d) At a preliminary hearing, the person must show cause
- 21 why:
- (1) the application should not have been denied;
- 23 (2) the registration, license, endorsement, or
- 24 security officer commission should not have been suspended; or
- 25 (3) the registration, license, endorsement, or
- 26 commission should not have been revoked.
- 27 (f) The dismissal of a complaint, information, or

- 1 indictment or an acquittal releases the person from automatic
- 2 grounds for a summary denial of an application or summary
- 3 suspension of a registration, endorsement, or security officer
- 4 commission under this section. A conviction for the offense giving
- 5 rise to a summary suspension is automatic grounds for immediate,
- 6 summary revocation.
- 7 (h) The administrative law judge shall make findings of fact
- 8 and conclusions of law regarding the person's eligibility for a
- 9 license, registration, or endorsement under this section and
- 10 promptly issue to the board a proposal for a decision.
- 11 SECTION 4.94. Section 1702.365, Occupations Code, is
- 12 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.365. ABDUCTION OF CHILD. The board [commission]
- 14 shall revoke a person's license, registration, endorsement, or
- 15 security officer commission or deny a person's application for, or
- 16 renewal of, a license, registration, endorsement, or security
- 17 officer commission on proof that the person or an agent of the
- 18 person has, after the date of application for a license,
- 19 registration, endorsement, or security officer commission,
- 20 abducted or attempted to abduct by force or the threat of force or
- 21 by misrepresentation, stealth, or unlawful entry a child who at the
- 22 time of the abduction or attempt is under the care and control of a
- 23 person who:
- 24 (1) has custody or physical possession of the child
- 25 under a court order; or
- 26 (2) is exercising the care and control with the
- 27 consent of a person who has custody or physical possession of the

- 1 child under a court order.
- 2 SECTION 4.95. Sections 1702.367(a), (c), (d), and (e),
- 3 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (a) For an investigation conducted under this chapter, the
- 5 board [commission] may issue a subpoena to compel the attendance of
- 6 a witness or the production of a pertinent record or document. The
- 7 hearings officer may administer oaths and require testimony or
- 8 evidence to be given under oath.
- 9 (c) A person required to testify or to produce a record or
- 10 document on any matter properly under inquiry by the <u>board</u>
- 11 [commission] who refuses to testify or to produce the record or
- 12 document on the ground that the testimony or the production of the
- 13 record or document would incriminate or tend to incriminate the
- 14 person is nonetheless required to testify or to produce the record
- 15 or document. A person who is required to testify or to produce a
- 16 record or document under this subsection is not subject to
- 17 indictment or prosecution for a transaction, matter, or thing
- 18 concerning which the person truthfully testifies or produces
- 19 evidence.
- 20 (d) If a witness refuses to obey a subpoena or to give
- 21 evidence relevant to proper inquiry by the board [commission], the
- 22 board [commission] may petition a district court of the county in
- 23 which the hearing is held to compel the witness to obey the subpoena
- 24 or to give the evidence. The court shall immediately issue process
- 25 to the witness and shall hold a hearing on the petition as soon as
- 26 possible.
- (e) An investigator employed by the board [commission] may

- 1 take statements under oath in an investigation of a matter covered
- 2 by this chapter.
- 3 SECTION 4.96. Section 1702.368, Occupations Code, is
- 4 amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 1702.368. NOTIFICATION OF CONVICTION FOR CERTAIN
- 6 OFFENSES. The <u>department</u> [Texas Department of Public Safety] shall
- 7 notify the **board** [commission] and the police department of the
- 8 municipality and the sheriff's department of the county in which a
- 9 person licensed, registered, or commissioned under this chapter
- 10 resides of the conviction of the person for a Class B misdemeanor or
- 11 equivalent offense or a greater offense.
- 12 SECTION 4.97. Subchapter O, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
- 13 is amended by adding Section 1702.372 to read as follows:
- Sec. 1702.372. RECUSAL OF BOARD MEMBER. (a) A board member
- 15 who participated in the investigation of a complaint or in informal
- 16 <u>settlement negotiations regarding the complaint:</u>
- 17 (1) may not vote on the matter at a board meeting
- 18 related to the complaint; and
- 19 (2) shall state at the meeting the reason for which the
- 20 member is prohibited from voting on the matter.
- 21 (b) A statement under Subsection (a)(2) shall be entered
- 22 into the minutes of the meeting.
- SECTION 4.98. Section 1702.381(b), Occupations Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 (b) A person who contracts with or employs a person who is
- 26 required to hold a license, [certificate of] registration,
- 27 endorsement, or security officer commission under this chapter

- 1 knowing that the person does not hold the required license,
- 2 registration, endorsement [certificate], or commission or who
- 3 otherwise, at the time of contract or employment, is in violation of
- 4 this chapter may be assessed a civil penalty to be paid to the state
- 5 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation.
- 6 SECTION 4.99. Section 1702.386(a), Occupations Code, is
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) A person commits an offense if the person contracts with
- 9 or employs a person who is required to hold a license, registration,
- 10 <u>endorsement</u> [certificate], or commission under this chapter
- 11 knowing that the person does not hold the required license,
- 12 registration, endorsement [certificate], or commission or who
- 13 otherwise, at the time of contract or employment, is in violation of
- 14 this chapter.
- SECTION 4.100. Section 1702.3863(a), Occupations Code, is
- 16 amended to read as follows:
- 17 (a) A person commits an offense if the person contracts with
- 18 or is employed by a bail bond surety as defined by Chapter 1704 to
- 19 secure the appearance of a person who has violated Section 38.10,
- 20 Penal Code, unless the person is:
- 21 (1) a peace officer;
- 22 (2) an individual endorsed or licensed as a private
- 23 investigator or the manager of a licensed investigations company;
- 24 or
- 25 (3) a commissioned security officer employed by a
- 26 licensed guard company.
- SECTION 4.101. Section 1702.387(a), Occupations Code, is

- 1 amended to read as follows:
- 2 (a) A person commits an offense if the person fails to
- 3 surrender or immediately return to the \underline{board} [$\underline{commission}$] the
- 4 person's registration, commission, pocket card, or other
- 5 identification issued to the person by the board [commission] on
- 6 notification of a summary suspension or summary denial under
- 7 Section 1702.364.
- 8 SECTION 4.102. Section 1702.388(b), Occupations Code, is
- 9 amended to read as follows:
- 10 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
- 11 except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if the
- 12 person has previously been convicted under this chapter of failing
- 13 to hold a license, registration, endorsement, certificate, or
- 14 commission that the person is required to hold under this chapter.
- SECTION 4.103. Section 1702.402, Occupations Code, is
- 16 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 (a) Each day a violation continues or occurs is a separate
- 19 violation for purposes of imposing a penalty. The amount of each
- 20 separate violation may not exceed \$5,000 [\$500].
- 21 (c) The board by rule shall develop a standardized penalty
- 22 schedule based on the criteria listed in Subsection (b).
- SECTION 4.104. Section 1702.406(b), Occupations Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 (b) The notice of the board's order given to the person must
- 26 include a statement of the right of the person to judicial review of
- 27 the order. Judicial review is under the substantial evidence rule

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as provided by Subchapter G, Chapter 2001, Government Code.
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          SECTION 4.105. The following provisions of the Occupations
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   Code are repealed:
               (1)
                    Section 1702.002(4);
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                    Section 1702.003;
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                    Section 1702.045;
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                    Section 1702.046;
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                    Section 1702.047;
               (6)
                    Section 1702.065;
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                    Section 1702.069;
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               (7)
                    Section 1702.113(e);
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               (8)
                    Section 1702.364(j); and
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               (9)
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                     Subchapter K.
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          SECTION 4.106. (a) Not later than January 1, 2010, the
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   Texas Private Security Board and the Department of Public Safety
   shall adopt the rules required by or under Section 1702.062,
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   Occupations Code, as amended by this article. The fee schedule in
   effect under Section 1702.062, Occupations Code, before the
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   effective date of this article is continued in effect until new fees
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   are adopted under Section 1702.062, Occupations Code, as amended by
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   this article.
               The requirement to pass a jurisprudence examination
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   under Section 1702.241, Occupations Code, as added by this article,
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applies only to an individual who applies for a registration or

endorsement under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, on or after the

date specified by the Texas Private Security Board in the event the

board begins requiring applicants to pass a jurisprudence

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- 1 examination, but not earlier than September 1, 2010.
- 2 (c) The changes in law made by this article related to the
- 3 filing, investigation, or resolution of a complaint under Chapter
- 4 1702, Occupations Code, as amended by this article, apply only to a
- 5 complaint filed with the Texas Private Security Board on or after
- 6 the effective date of this article. A complaint filed before the
- 7 effective date of this article is governed by the law as it existed
- 8 immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in
- 9 effect for that purpose.
- 10 (d) The changes in law made by this article governing the
- 11 authority of the Texas Private Security Board and the Department of
- 12 Public Safety to issue, renew, or revoke a license, registration,
- 13 endorsement, or commission under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
- 14 apply only to an application for an original or renewal license,
- 15 registration, endorsement, or commission filed with the Texas
- 16 Private Security Board under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, as
- 17 amended by this article, on or after the effective date of this
- 18 article. An application filed before the effective date of this
- 19 article is governed by the law in effect at the time the application
- 20 was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
- 21 purpose.
- (e) The change in law made by this article with respect to
- 23 conduct that is grounds for imposition of a disciplinary sanction
- 24 applies only to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date
- 25 of this article. Conduct that occurs before the effective date of
- 26 this article is governed by the law in effect on the date the
- 27 conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that

- 1 purpose.
- 2 (f) Section 1702.372, Occupations Code, as added by this
- 3 article, applies only to a hearing conducted on or after the
- 4 effective date of this article, regardless of the date on which the
- 5 complaint was filed. A complaint on which a hearing is conducted
- 6 before the effective date of this article is governed by the law in
- 7 effect on the date the hearing was conducted, and the former law is
- 8 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 9 (g) The holder of a Class D license under Chapter 1702,
- 10 Occupations Code, as amended by this article, shall be considered
- 11 to hold a Class B license on the effective date of this article. On
- 12 the expiration of the Class D license, the license holder may renew
- 13 the license as a Class B license.
- 14 SECTION 4.107. This article takes effect September 1, 2009.
- 15 ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS
- SECTION 5.01. Section 411.002, Government Code, is amended
- 17 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 (c) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas is
- 20 subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in
- 21 existence as provided by that chapter, the department is abolished
- 22 and Subsections (a) and (b) expire September 1, 2021 [2009].
- 23 (d) Not later than December 1, 2010, the Sunset Advisory
- 24 Commission shall review and prepare a written report for submission
- 25 to the legislature on the department's implementation of:
- 26 (1) the recommendations in the 2008 audit of the
- 27 department's information technology system; and

- 1 (2) a civilian business model for the operation of the
- 2 driver's license division that focuses on improving customer
- 3 service by:
- 4 (A) using best practices in call center
- 5 technology and monitoring customer service calls;
- 6 (B) expanding operating hours at driver's
- 7 <u>license offices; and</u>
- 8 (C) decreasing the time the department takes to
- 9 send a replacement driver's license.
- 10 <u>(e) The Sunset Advisory Commission shall submit the report</u>
- 11 required by Subsection (d) not later than February 15, 2011. This
- 12 subsection and Subsection (d) expire August 31, 2011.
- 13 SECTION 5.02. Section 411.0035, Government Code, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- Sec. 411.0035. MEMBER AND GENERAL COUNSEL RESTRICTION. (a)
- 16 In this section, "Texas trade association" means a cooperative and
- 17 voluntarily joined statewide association of business or
- 18 professional competitors in this state designed to assist its
- 19 members and its industry or profession in dealing with mutual
- 20 business or professional problems and in promoting their common
- 21 <u>interest.</u>
- (b) A person may not be [serve as] a member of the commission
- 23 and may not be a department employee employed in a "bona fide
- 24 executive, administrative, or professional capacity," as that
- 25 phrase is used for purposes of establishing an exemption to the
- 26 overtime provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938
- 27 (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.), if:

- 1 (1) the person is an officer, employee, or paid
- 2 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of law
- 3 <u>enforcement or private security; or</u>
- 4 (2) the person's spouse is an officer, manager, or paid
- 5 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of law
- 6 enforcement or private security.
- 7 (c) A person may not be a member of the commission or act as
- 8 the general counsel to the commission if the person is required to
- 9 register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305 because of the person's
- 10 activities for compensation on behalf of a profession related to
- 11 the operation of the commission.
- 12 SECTION 5.03. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code,
- 13 is amended by adding Section 411.0042 to read as follows:
- 14 Sec. 411.0042. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES. The
- 15 commission shall develop and implement policies that clearly
- 16 separate the policymaking responsibilities of the commission and
- 17 the management responsibilities of the director and the staff of
- 18 the department.
- 19 SECTION 5.04. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code,
- 20 is amended by adding Section 411.0043 to read as follows:
- 21 Sec. 411.0043. TECHNOLOGY POLICY. The commission shall
- 22 implement a policy requiring the department to use appropriate
- 23 technological solutions to improve the department's ability to
- 24 perform its functions. The policy must ensure that the public is
- 25 able to interact with the department on the Internet.
- SECTION 5.05. Subchapter A, Chapter 411, Government Code,
- 27 is amended by adding Section 411.0044 to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 411.0044. NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING AND ALTERNATIVE
- 2 DISPUTE RESOLUTION. (a) The commission shall develop and
- 3 implement a policy to encourage the use of:
- 4 (1) negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter
- 5 2008 for the adoption of department rules; and
- 6 (2) appropriate alternative dispute resolution
- 7 procedures under Chapter 2009 to assist in the resolution of
- 8 internal and external disputes under the department's
- 9 jurisdiction.
- 10 (b) The department's procedures relating to alternative
- 11 dispute resolution must conform, to the extent possible, to any
- 12 model guidelines issued by the State Office of Administrative
- 13 Hearings for the use of alternative dispute resolution by state
- 14 agencies.
- 15 <u>(c)</u> The commission shall designate a trained person to:
- (1) coordinate the implementation of the policy
- 17 adopted under Subsection (a);
- 18 (2) serve as a resource for any training needed to
- 19 implement the procedures for negotiated rulemaking or alternative
- 20 dispute resolution; and
- 21 (3) collect data concerning the effectiveness of those
- 22 procedures, as implemented by the department.
- SECTION 5.06. Section 411.015(b), Government Code, is
- 24 amended to read as follows:
- 25 (b) [The number of divisions may not exceed the number of
- 26 divisions existing on August 22, 1957. The division relating to
- 27 the Texas Rangers may not be abolished.

- 1 SECTION 5.07. Sections 411.0195(a), (b), and (c),
- 2 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 3 (a) The department shall maintain a system to promptly and
- 4 efficiently act on [prepare information of public interest
- 5 describing the functions of the department and the department's
- 6 procedures by which] complaints [are] filed with [and resolved by]
- 7 the department. The department shall maintain [make the]
- 8 information about parties to the complaint, the subject matter of
- 9 the complaint, a summary of the results of the review or
- 10 investigation of the complaint, and its disposition [available to
- 11 the public and appropriate state agencies].
- 12 (b) The department shall make information available
- 13 describing its procedures for complaint investigation and
- 14 resolution [director by rule shall establish methods by which
- 15 consumers and service recipients are notified of the name, mailing
- 16 address, and telephone number of the department for the purpose of
- 17 directing complaints to the department].
- 18 (c) The department shall periodically notify the complaint
- 19 parties of the status of the complaint until final disposition
- 20 [maintain a file on each written complaint filed with the
- 21 department. The file must include:
- 22 [(1) the name of the person who filed the complaint;
- [(2) the date the complaint is received by the
- 24 department;
- 25 [(3) the subject matter of the complaint;
- 26 [(4) the name of each person contacted in relation to
- 27 the complaint;

C.S.H.B. No. 2730 [(5) a summary of the results of the review or 1 2 investigation of the complaint; and [(6) an explanation of the reason the file was closed, 3 4 if the agency closed the file without taking action other than to 5 investigate the complaint]. 6 SECTION 5.08. Section 411.188, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows: 7 (j) The department may offer online, or allow a qualified 8 handgun instructor to offer online, the continuing education instruction course and written section of the proficiency 10 examination required to renew a license. 11 SECTION 5.09. The heading to Section 411.244, Government 12 Code, is amended to read as follows: 13 14 Sec. 411.244. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL [INTERNAL 15 AFFAIRS]. SECTION 5.10. Sections 411.244(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f), 16 17 Government Code, are amended to read as follows: The commission [director] shall establish the office of 18 inspector general, which is responsible for: 19 20 (1) acting to prevent and detect criminal conduct within the department; and 21 22 (2) independently and objectively investigating:

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(A) criminal activity occurring in all divisions

(B) allegations of wrongdoing by department

(C) crimes committed on department property; and

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of the department;

employees;

- (D) serious breaches of department policy
- 2 [internal affairs].
- 3 (b) The office of <u>inspector general</u> [internal affairs] has
- 4 original departmental jurisdiction over all investigations
- 5 occurring on department property or involving department
- 6 employees. The office shall coordinate, but need not conduct, all
- 7 investigations under this section.
- 8 (d) The commission has direct oversight over the office of
- 9 inspector general, including decisions regarding budget and
- 10 <u>staffing.</u> The <u>commission</u> [<u>director</u>] shall appoint the <u>inspector</u>
- 11 general [head of the office of internal affairs]. The inspector
- 12 general [head of the office of internal affairs] serves until
- 13 removed by the $\underline{\text{commission}}$ [$\underline{\text{director}}$]. $\underline{\text{The commission shall}}$
- 14 establish policies to ensure that the commission continues to
- 15 oversee the office of inspector general as required by this
- 16 <u>subsection</u> and to ensure that the office of inspector general
- 17 retains and exercises its original jurisdiction under Subsection
- 18 (b).
- 19 (e) The <u>inspector general</u> [head of the office of internal
- 20 affairs] shall report directly to the commission [director]
- 21 regarding performance of and activities related to investigations,
- 22 report to the director for administrative purposes, and provide the
- 23 director with information regarding investigations as appropriate.
- 24 (f) The <u>inspector general</u> [head of the office of internal
- 25 affairs] shall present at each regularly scheduled commission
- 26 meeting and at other appropriate times:
- 27 (1) reports of investigations; and

- 1 (2) a summary of information relating to
- 2 investigations conducted under this section that includes analysis
- 3 of the number, type, and outcome of investigations, trends in the
- 4 investigations, and recommendations to avoid future complaints.
- 5 SECTION 5.11. Sections 411.0195(d) and (e), Government
- 6 Code, are repealed.
- 7 SECTION 5.12. The changes in law made by this article by the
- 8 amendment of Section 411.0035, Government Code, apply only to a
- 9 person first appointed to the Public Safety Commission or employed
- 10 by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas on or after
- 11 the effective date of this Act. A person first appointed or
- 12 employed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
- 13 law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is
- 14 continued in effect for that purpose.
- SECTION 5.13. The changes in law made by this article by the
- 16 amendment of Section 411.0195, Government Code, apply only to a
- 17 complaint filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
- 18 complaint filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by
- 19 the law in effect when the complaint was filed, and the former law
- 20 is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 21 ARTICLE 6. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS
- SECTION 6.01. Section 411.00755(b), Government Code, is
- 23 amended to read as follows:
- 24 (b) The [Notwithstanding Chapter 552, the] personnel
- 25 records of a commissioned officer of the department may not be
- 26 disclosed or otherwise made available to the public, except the
- 27 department shall release in accordance with Chapter 552:

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any letter, memorandum, or document relating to:
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                          a commendation, congratulation, or honor
   bestowed on the officer for an action, duty, or activity that
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    relates to the officer's official duties; and
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                     (B) misconduct by the officer, if the letter,
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   memorandum, or document resulted in disciplinary action;
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                     the state application for employment submitted by
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    the officer, but not including any attachments to the application;
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                (3)
                     any reference letter submitted by the officer;
                     any letter of recommendation for the officer;
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                (4)
                     any employment contract with the officer;
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                (5)
                     any periodic evaluation of the officer by a
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    supervisor;
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                     any document recording a promotion or demotion of
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    the officer;
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                (8)
                     any request for leave by the officer;
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                (9)
                     any request by the officer for transfers of shift
    or duty assignments;
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                      any documents presented to the commission in
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   connection with a public hearing under Section 411.007(f);
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                (11) the officer's:
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                     (C)
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                     (D)
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                     (E)
                          gross salary; and
                     information about the location of the officer's
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- 1 department duty assignments.
- 2 SECTION 6.02. Section 411.192, Government Code, is amended
- 3 by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
- 4 read as follows:
- 5 (a) The department shall disclose to a criminal justice
- 6 agency information contained in its files and records regarding
- 7 whether a named individual or any individual named in a specified
- 8 list is licensed under this subchapter. Information on an
- 9 individual subject to disclosure under this section includes the
- 10 individual's name, date of birth, gender, race, [and] zip code,
- 11 telephone number, e-mail address, and Internet website address.
- 12 Except as otherwise provided by this section and by Section
- 13 411.193, all other records maintained under this subchapter are
- 14 confidential and are not subject to mandatory disclosure under the
- 15 open records law, Chapter 552.
- 16 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), [This section
- 17 does not prohibit] the department shall make [from making] public
- 18 and distribute [distributing] to the public at no cost lists of
- 19 individuals who are certified as qualified handgun instructors by
- 20 the department. The department shall include on the lists each
- 21 individual's name, telephone number, e-mail address, and Internet
- 22 website address. The department shall make the list available on
- 23 the department's Internet website.
- (e) An individual who is certified as a qualified handgun
- 25 instructor may request in writing that the department not disclose
- 26 all or part of the information described by Subsection (d)
- 27 regarding the individual. The department shall remove all or part

- 1 of the individual's information from the list as requested.
- 2 SECTION 6.03. Section 614.152, Government Code, as added by
- 3 Chapter 1159 (H.B. 12), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular
- 4 Session, 2007, is amended to read as follows:
- 5 Sec. 614.152. PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMS AND STANDARDS. (a)
- 6 Out of appropriated funds, each law enforcement agency shall adopt
- 7 physical fitness programs that a law enforcement officer must
- 8 participate in and physical fitness standards that a law
- 9 enforcement officer must meet to continue employment with the
- 10 agency as a law enforcement officer. The standards as applied to an
- 11 officer must directly relate to the officer's job duties and may
- 12 include individual fitness goals specific to the officer's age and
- 13 sex. A law enforcement agency shall use the services of a
- 14 consultant to aid the agency in developing the standards.
- 15 <u>(a-1)</u> Each law enforcement agency shall adopt a reward
- 16 policy that provides for reward incentives to officers who
- 17 participate in the program and meet the standards adopted under
- 18 Subsection (a). The reward incentives under the policy must be an
- 19 amount of administrative leave of not more than four days per year.
- 20 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the inability of
- 21 an officer to participate in a program or meet [a violation of] a
- 22 standard adopted under Subsection (a) is just cause to discharge an
- 23 officer or[+
- $[\frac{1}{24}]$ transfer an officer to a position that is not
- 25 compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification
- 26 salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act[+ or
- 27 [(2) for a law enforcement officer employed by the

- 1 Parks and Wildlife Department and compensated according to Schedule
- 2 B of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the
- 3 General Appropriations Act, transfer the officer to a position that
- 4 does not require the employee to be a commissioned peace officer].
- 5 (c) A law enforcement agency may $\underline{\text{temporarily}}$ exempt a law
- 6 enforcement officer from participating in a program or meeting a
- 7 standard under Subsection (a) based on the facts and circumstances
- 8 of the individual case, including whether an officer was injured in
- 9 the line of duty.
- 10 ARTICLE 7. DRIVER'S LICENSES, COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES,
- 11 COMMERCIAL DRIVER LEARNER'S PERMITS, AND PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
- 12 CERTIFICATES
- SECTION 7.01. Section 521.001(a), Transportation Code, is
- 14 amended by adding Subdivision (7-a) to read as follows:
- 15 (7-a) "Resident" means a person who lives in this state
- 16 and has maintained residency in this state for a period of at least
- 17 60 days at the time of application for a driver's license or
- 18 personal identification certificate.
- 19 SECTION 7.02. Section 521.029, Transportation Code, is
- 20 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 521.029. OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY NEW STATE
- 22 RESIDENTS. (a) A person who enters this state as a new resident
- 23 may operate a motor vehicle in this state for no more than 90 [30]
- 24 days after the date on which the person enters this state if the
- 25 person:
- 26 (1) is 16 years of age or older; and
- 27 (2) has in the person's possession a driver's license

- 1 issued to the person by the person's state or country of previous
- 2 residence.
- 3 (b) If a person subject to this section is prosecuted for
- 4 operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, the
- 5 prosecution alleges that the person has resided in this state for
- 6 more than 90 [30] days, and the person claims to have been covered
- 7 by Subsection (a), the person must prove by the preponderance of the
- 8 evidence that the person has not resided in this state for more than
- 9 90 [30] days.
- SECTION 7.03. Section 521.041(b), Transportation Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (b) The department shall maintain suitable indexes, in
- 13 alphabetical or numerical order, that contain:
- 14 (1) each denied application and the reasons for the
- 15 denial;
- 16 (2) each application that is granted; [and]
- 17 (3) the name of each license holder whose license has
- 18 been suspended, canceled, or revoked and the reasons for that
- 19 action; and
- 20 (4) the citizenship status of each holder of a license
- 21 or personal identification certificate.
- 22 SECTION 7.04. Section 521.054, Transportation Code, is
- 23 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
- 24 (e) A person commits an offense if, with intent to defraud
- 25 or harm another, the person fails or refuses to comply with
- 26 Subsection (b) or (c). An offense under this subsection is a Class
- 27 A misdemeanor.

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- 1 SECTION 7.05. Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is
- 2 amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsections (d-1),
- 3 (f-1), (f-2), (f-3), and (j) to read as follows:
- 4 (d-1) Unless the information has been previously provided
- 5 to the department, the department shall require each applicant for
- 6 <u>an original, renewal, or duplicate personal identification</u>
- 7 certificate to furnish to the department:
- 8 (1) proof of the applicant's United States
- 9 citizenship; or
- 10 (2) documentation described by Subsection (f-1).
- 11 (f) A certificate expires:
- 12 (1) on a date specified by the department, if the
- 13 applicant is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United
- 14 States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United
- 15 States; or
- (2) for an applicant not described by Subdivision (1),
- 17 on:
- 18 (A) the expiration of the applicant's authorized
- 19 stay in the United States; or
- 20 (B) the second anniversary of the date of
- 21 <u>issuance</u>, if there is no definite expiration date for the
- 22 applicant's authorized stay in the United States [except that a
- 23 certificate issued to a person 60 years of age or older does not
- 24 expire].
- 25 (f-1) A person who is not a citizen of the United States must
- 26 present to the department documentation issued by the United States
- 27 agency responsible for citizenship and immigration that authorizes

- 1 the applicant to be in the United States.
- 2 (f-2) The department may not issue an identification
- 3 certificate to an applicant who fails or refuses to comply with
- 4 Subsection (f-1).
- 5 (f-3) In addition to a certificate issued under this
- 6 section, Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) apply to a personal
- 7 identification certificate for which application is made under
- 8 Section 521.103.
- 9 (j) Except as provided by this section, each personal
- 10 <u>identification certificate issued by the department:</u>
- 11 <u>(1) must:</u>
- 12 (A) be in the same format;
- 13 (B) have the same appearance and orientation; and
- 14 (C) contain the same type of information; and
- 15 (2) may not include any information that this chapter
- 16 does not reference or require.
- 17 SECTION 7.06. Subchapter E, Chapter 521, Transportation
- 18 Code, is amended by adding Section 521.102 to read as follows:
- 19 Sec. 521.102. TEMPORARY PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
- 20 CERTIFICATES UPON APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LAWFUL PRESENCE. (a)
- 21 The <u>department shall</u> issue a temporary personal identification
- 22 certificate to the holder of a certificate which expired because
- 23 the holder's lawful presence in the United States has expired,
- 24 provided the holder of the certificate presents to the department
- 25 proof of application for an extension of the holder's lawful
- 26 presence in the United States with the federal government.
- 27 (b) A temporary personal identification certificate issued

- 1 under this section expires 120 days after the expiration of the
- 2 <u>expiring certificate</u>.
- 3 (c) The department may issue a subsequent temporary
- 4 identification certificate if the holder of the certificate
- 5 presents to the department information regarding the status of the
- 6 application for an extension of lawful presence in the United
- 7 States with the federal government.
- 8 SECTION 7.07. Section 521.121, Transportation Code, is
- 9 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 10 <u>(c) Except as provided by this subchapter, each driver's</u>
- 11 license issued by the department:
- 12 <u>(1) must:</u>
- 13 (A) be in the same format;
- 14 (B) have the same appearance and orientation; and
- (C) contain the same type of information; and
- 16 (2) may not include any information that this chapter
- 17 does not reference or require.
- 18 SECTION 7.08. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is
- 19 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection
- 20 (i) to read as follows:
- 21 (a) An application for an original license must state the
- 22 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information
- 23 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory
- 24 to the department. An applicant who is not a citizen of the United
- 25 States must present to the department documentation issued by the
- 26 United States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration
- 27 that authorizes the applicant to be in the United States before the

- 1 applicant may be issued a driver's license or personal
- 2 <u>identification certificate.</u> The department must accept [as
- 3 satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection] an offender
- 4 identification card or similar form of identification issued to an
- 5 inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- 6 (e) The application must include any other information the
- 7 department requires to determine the applicant's identity,
- 8 <u>residency</u>, competency, and eligibility <u>as required by the</u>
- 9 department or state law.
- 10 (i) The department by rule may establish and implement a
- 11 process to verify that the applicant resides at the residence
- 12 address furnished by the applicant. The department may deny
- 13 <u>issuance</u> of a license to an applicant whose residence address
- 14 cannot be verified. This subsection does not apply to:
- 15 (1) a person described by Section 521.027; or
- 16 (2) a person who presents a certificate of
- 17 homelessness as approved by the federal government.
- 18 SECTION 7.09. Section 521.1425, Transportation Code, is
- 19 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
- 20 read as follows:
- 21 (a) Except as provided by <u>Subsections</u> [<u>Subsection</u>] (b) <u>and</u>
- 22 (c), the department may require each applicant for an original,
- 23 renewal, or duplicate driver's license to furnish to the department
- 24 the information required by Section 521.142.
- 25 (c) Unless the information has been previously provided to
- 26 the department, the department shall require each applicant for an
- 27 original, renewal, or duplicate driver's license to furnish to the

- 1 department:
- 2 (1) proof of the applicant's United States
- 3 citizenship; or
- 4 (2) documentation described by Section 521.142(a).
- 5 SECTION 7.10. Subchapter G, Chapter 521, Transportation
- 6 Code, is amended by adding Section 521.149 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 521.149. TEMPORARY DRIVER'S LICENSE UPON APPLICATION
- 8 FOR EXTENDED LAWFUL PRESENCE. (a) The department shall issue a
- 9 temporary driver's license to the holder of a license which expired
- 10 because the holder's lawful presence in the United States has
- 11 expired, provided the holder of the license presents to the
- 12 department proof of application for an extension of the holder's
- 13 lawful presence in the United States with the federal government.
- 14 (b) A temporary driver's license issued under this section
- 15 expires 180 days after the expiration of the expiring license.
- 16 (c) The department may issue a subsequent temporary
- 17 driver's license if the holder of the certificate presents to the
- 18 department information regarding the status of the application for
- 19 an extension of lawful presence in the United States with the
- 20 federal government.
- 21 SECTION 7.11. Section 521.271, Transportation Code, is
- 22 amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 521.271. LICENSE EXPIRATION. (a) Each original
- 24 driver's license, [and] provisional license, or occupational
- 25 license issued to an applicant who is a citizen or legal permanent
- 26 resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully
- 27 admitted into the United States expires as follows:

- 1 (1) except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's
- 2 license expires on the first birthday of the license holder
- 3 occurring after the sixth anniversary of the date of the
- 4 application;
- 5 (2) a provisional license expires on the earlier of:
- 6 (A) the 18th birthday of the license holder; or
- 7 (B) the first birthday of the license holder
- 8 occurring after the date of the application;
- 9 (3) an instruction permit expires on the second
- 10 birthday of the license holder occurring after the date of the
- 11 application; and
- 12 (4) an occupational license expires on the first
- 13 anniversary of the court order granting the license.
- 14 (a-1) Each original driver's license issued to a person who
- 15 <u>is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or</u>
- 16 <u>a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States</u>
- 17 expires on the second anniversary of the date of issuance if there
- 18 is no definite expiration date for the applicant's authorized stay
- 19 <u>in the United States or the expiration of the license holder's</u>
- 20 lawful presence in the United States as determined by the United
- 21 States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration in
- 22 <u>compliance with federal law.</u>
- 23 <u>(a-2) Each provisional license issued to a person who is not</u>
- 24 a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or a
- 25 refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States expires
- 26 on the earlier of:
- 27 (1) the 18th birthday of the license holder;

- 1 (2) the first birthday of the license holder occurring
- 2 after the date of the application; or
- 3 (3) the expiration of the license holder's lawful
- 4 presence in the United States as determined by the United States
- 5 agency responsible for citizenship and immigration in compliance
- 6 with federal law.
- 7 (b) Except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's
- 8 license that is renewed expires on:
- 9 (1) the sixth anniversary of the expiration date
- 10 before renewal if the applicant is a citizen or lawful permanent
- 11 resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully
- 12 admitted into the United States; or
- 13 (2) for an applicant not described by Subdivision (1):
- 14 (A) the expiration of the applicant's authorized
- 15 stay in the United States; or
- 16 (B) the second anniversary of the date of
- 17 issuance, if there is no definite expiration date for the
- 18 applicant's authorized stay in the United States.
- 19 SECTION 7.12. Section 521.2711, Transportation Code, is
- 20 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 21 (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b), an original or
- 22 renewal driver's license issued to an applicant who is 85 years of
- 23 age or older and not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the
- 24 United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the
- 25 United States expires on:
- 26 (1) the expiration of the applicant's authorized stay
- 27 in the United States; or

- 1 (2) the first anniversary of the date of issuance if
- 2 there is no definite expiration date for the authorized stay in the
- 3 United States.
- 4 SECTION 7.13. Section 521.272, Transportation Code, is
- 5 amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to
- 6 read as follows:
- 7 (c) Notwithstanding Section 521.271, a driver's license
- 8 issued under this section, including a renewal, duplicate, or
- 9 corrected license, expires on:
- 10 (1) if the license holder is a citizen or legal
- 11 permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee
- 12 <u>lawfully admitted into the United States</u>, the first birthday of the
- 13 license holder occurring after the date of application, except that
- 14 the initial license issued under this section expires on the second
- 15 birthday of the license holder occurring after the date of
- 16 application; or
- 17 (2) if the applicant is not described by Subdivision
- 18 (1), on the earlier of:
- 19 (A) the expiration of the applicant's authorized
- 20 stay in the United States; or
- 21 (B) the first birthday of the license holder
- 22 occurring after the date of application, except that the initial
- 23 license issued under this section expires on the second birthday of
- 24 the license holder occurring after the date of application.
- 25 (d) Subsection (c) [This subsection] does not apply to:
- 26 (1) a provisional license;
- 27 (2) an instruction permit issued under Section

- 1 521.222; or
- 2 (3) a hardship license issued under Section 521.223.
- 3 SECTION 7.14. Section 521.421, Transportation Code, is
- 4 amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) and amending
- 5 Subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 6 (a-1) The fee for a driver's license or personal
- 7 identification certificate that is issued to a person who is not a
- 8 citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or a
- 9 refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States and that
- 10 <u>is not valid for more than one year is \$15.</u>
- 11 <u>(a-2)</u> The fee for a temporary driver's license or temporary
- 12 personal identification certificate that is valid for more than one
- 13 year is \$15 for the first year and \$10 for each additional year or
- 14 portion of a year.
- 15 (c) The fee for issuance or renewal of a provisional license
- 16 or instruction permit is \$10 [\$5].
- 17 SECTION 7.15. Sections 522.021(c) and (c-1),
- 18 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 19 (c) The application must meet the requirements of an
- 20 application under <u>Sections</u> [Section] 521.141, 521.142, and
- 21 <u>521.1425</u> and [must] be accompanied by the fee required under
- 22 Section 522.029. The department may require documentary evidence
- 23 to verify the information required by this section [Subsection
- 24 (a)].
- 25 (c-1) If the department requires proof of an applicant's
- 26 identity as part of an application under this section, the
- 27 department must accept [as satisfactory proof of identity] an

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- 1 offender identification card or similar form of identification
- 2 issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- 3 SECTION 7.16. Section 522.029, Transportation Code, is
- 4 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (k), (1),
- 5 and (m) to read as follows:
- 6 (a) The fee for a commercial driver's license or commercial
- 7 driver learner's permit issued by the department is \$60, except as
- 8 provided by Subsections (f), (h), [and] (j), (k), (l), and (m).
- 9 (k) The fee for a commercial driver's license or a
- 10 nonresident commercial driver's license that is issued to a person
- 11 who is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United
- 12 States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United
- 13 States and that is not valid for more than one year is \$100.
- 14 (1) The fee for a temporary commercial driver's license or a
- 15 nonresident commercial driver's license that is issued in
- 16 compliance with federal law to a person who is not a citizen or
- 17 legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee
- 18 lawfully admitted into the United States and that is valid for more
- 19 than one year is \$100 for the first year and \$25 for each additional
- 20 year or portion of a year.
- 21 (m) The fee for a temporary nonresident commercial driver's
- 22 <u>license is \$100.</u>
- SECTION 7.17. Section 522.029(f), Transportation Code, as
- 24 added by Chapter 1372 (H.B. 1200), Acts of the 75th Legislature,
- 25 Regular Session, 1997, is relettered as Subsection (f-1) to read as
- 26 follows:
- (f-1) [(f)] If a commercial driver's license or commercial

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- 1 driver learner's permit includes an authorization to operate a
- 2 motorcycle or moped, the fee for the driver's license or permit is
- 3 increased by \$10 [\$8].
- 4 SECTION 7.18. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is
- 5 amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 522.030. CONTENT OF LICENSE. (a) A commercial
- 7 driver's license must:
- 8 (1) be marked "Commercial Driver License" or "CDL";
- 9 (2) be, to the extent practicable, tamper-proof; and
- 10 (3) include:
- 11 (A) the name and mailing address of the person to
- 12 whom it is issued;
- 13 (B) the person's color photograph;
- 14 (C) a physical description of the person,
- 15 including sex, height, and eye color;
- 16 (D) the person's date of birth;
- 17 (E) a number or identifier the department
- 18 considers appropriate;
- 19 (F) the person's signature;
- 20 (G) each class of commercial motor vehicle that
- 21 the person is authorized to drive, with any endorsements or
- 22 restrictions;
- 23 (H) the name of this state; and
- 24 (I) the dates between which the license is valid.
- 25 (b) Except as provided by this subchapter, each commercial
- 26 <u>driver's license issued by the department:</u>
- 27 (1) must:

- C.S.H.B. No. 2730 1 (A) be in the same format; (B) have the same appearance and orientation; and 2 3 (C) contain the same type of information; and 4 (2) may not include any information that this chapter 5 does not reference or require. 6 (c) To the extent of a conflict or inconsistency between 7 this section and Section 522.013 or 522.051, Section 522.013 or 8 522.051 controls. 9 SECTION 7.19. Subchapter C, Chapter 522, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 522.035 to read as follows: 10 Sec. 522.035. TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE. (a) 11
- 14 the person's authorization to lawfully be in the United States 15 expired. (b) If the applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the 16 17 department that the person has applied to the federal agency responsible for citizenship and immigration for a renewal of the 18 person's authorization to be in the United States and otherwise 19 qualifies for the driver's license, the department shall issue the 20 applicant a temporary commercial driver's license. 21

This section applies only to an applicant for a renewal commercial

driver's license whose commercial driver's license expired because

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- (c) A temporary commercial driver's license issued under 22 Subsection (b) expires on the 180th day after the date the most 23 24 recent commercial driver's license issued to the person expired.
- 25 SECTION 7.20. Section 522.033(b), Transportation Code, is 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (b) Notwithstanding Section 522.051, a commercial driver's

- 1 license or commercial driver learner's permit issued under this
- 2 section, including a renewal, duplicate, or corrected license,
- 3 expires:
- 4 (1) if the license or permit holder is a citizen or
- 5 legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee
- 6 <u>lawfully admitted into the United States</u>, on the <u>second</u> [<u>first</u>]
- 7 birthday of the license holder occurring after the date of
- 8 application, except that the initial license issued under this
- 9 section expires on the second birthday of the license holder
- 10 occurring after the date of application; or
- 11 (2) if the applicant is not described by Subdivision
- 12 (1), on the earlier of:
- 13 (A) the expiration of the applicant's authorized
- 14 stay in the United States; or
- 15 (B) on the first birthday of the license holder
- 16 occurring after the date of application, except that the initial
- 17 license used under this section expires on the second birthday of
- 18 the license holder occurring after the date of application.
- 19 SECTION 7.21. Section 522.052, Transportation Code, is
- 20 amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:
- 21 (h) Unless the information has been previously provided to
- 22 the department, the department shall require each applicant for a
- 23 renewal or duplicate commercial driver's license to furnish to the
- 24 department:
- 25 (1) proof of the applicant's United States
- 26 citizenship; or
- 27 (2) documentation described by Section 521.142(a).

- 1 SECTION 7.22. Section 522.029(j), Transportation Code, as
- 2 added by Chapter 1319 (S.B. 1260), Acts of the 80th Legislature,
- 3 Regular Session, 2007, is repealed.
- 4 SECTION 7.23. The changes in law made by this article apply
- 5 only to a driver's license, personal identification certificate,
- 6 commercial driver's license, or commercial driver learner's permit
- 7 issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this article. A
- 8 driver's license, personal identification certificate, commercial
- 9 driver's license, or commercial driver learner's permit issued or
- 10 renewed before the effective date of this article is governed by the
- 11 law in effect when the license, certificate, or permit was issued,
- 12 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- SECTION 7.24. This article takes effect September 1, 2009.
- 14 ARTICLE 8. EFFECTIVE DATE
- SECTION 8.01. Except as otherwise provided by this Act,
- 16 this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of
- 17 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by
- 18 Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not
- 19 receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes
- 20 effect September 1, 2009.