H.B. No. 3981 1-1 Paul, Morales of Maverick By: 1-2 1-3 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;

May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5 1-6

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the designation of certain fire marshals and related officers, inspectors, and investigators as peace officers.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, amended to read as follows:

WHO ARE PEACE OFFICERS. The following are peace Art. 2.12. officers:

- and those (1)sheriffs, their deputies, deputies who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under
- Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
 (2) constables, deputy constables, and those reserve deputy constables who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- (3) marshals or police officers of an incorporated city, town, or village, and those reserve municipal police officers who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;
- (4)rangers, officers, and members of the reserve officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the Director of the Department of Public Safety;
- investigators of the district attorneys', criminal (5) district attorneys', and county attorneys' offices;
- law enforcement agents of the Texas Alcoholic (6) Beverage Commission;
- (7) each member of an arson commissioned by a city, a county, or the state; investigating unit
- (8) officers commissioned under Section 37.081, Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- (9) officers commissioned by the General Services Commission;
- 1-48 (10)law enforcement officers commissioned by the 1-49 Parks and Wildlife Commission; 1-50
 - (11)officers commissioned under Chapter 23, Transportation Code;
- 1-52 (12)municipal park and recreational patrolmen and 1-53 security officers;
- 1-54 (13)security officers and investigators commissioned 1-55 as peace officers by the comptroller;
 - (14) officers commissioned by a water control and
- improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code; (15) officers commissioned by a board of trustees 1-57 1-58 1-59 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
- investigators commissioned by the Texas Medical 1-60 (16)1-61 Board;

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(A) the board of managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District

under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;
(B) the board of directors of the Ector County Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local Laws Code;

the board of directors of the Midland County (C) Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121, Special District Local Laws Code; and

(D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;

(18) county park rangers com Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code; (19) investigators employed commissioned under

investigators employed by the Texas Racing Commission;

(20) officers commissioned under Chapter 554, Occupations Code;

officers commissioned by the governing body of a (21)metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108, Transportation Code, or by a regional transportation authority under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;

(22)investigators commissioned by the attorney

general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
(23) security officers and investigators commissioned as peace officers under Chapter 466, Government Code;

(24) officers appointed by an appellate court under Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;

(25) officers commissioned by the state fire marshal under Chapter 417, Government Code;

(26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;

(27) apprehension specialists and inspectors general commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers under Sections 242.102 and 243.052, Human Resources Code;

(28) officers appointed by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code;

(29)investigators commissioned Texas bу the Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations Code;

(30) commission investigators commissioned by the Texas Private Security Board under Section 1702.061, Occupations Code;

the fire marshal and any officers, inspectors, or investigators commissioned by an emergency services district under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

(32)officers commissioned by the State Board of Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject to the limitations imposed by that section;

(33)investigators commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as officers under Section 221.011, Human Resources Code; [and]

(34)the fire marshal and any related officers, investigators commissioned by a county under inspectors, or

Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code; and (35) fire marshals and any related officers, inspectors, or investigators of a municipality who hold a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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