

1-1 By: Cortez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 3248  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE			
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent
1-8	Flores	X		PNV
1-9	Parker	X		
1-10	Hagenbuch	X		
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-12	Huffman	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the authority of a defense base development authority  
1-18 to employ and commission peace officers.  
1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 379B, Local Government Code, is amended  
1-21 by adding Section 379B.0046 to read as follows:  
1-22 Sec. 379B.0046. EMPLOYMENT OF AUTHORITY PEACE OFFICERS.  
1-23 (a) The board may employ and commission peace officers for the  
1-24 authority to prevent or abate the commission of offenses relating  
1-25 to port functions, facilities, and operations under state or local  
1-26 law.  
1-27 (b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under  
1-28 this section includes the property owned or controlled by the  
1-29 authority.  
1-30 (c) In a peace officer's jurisdiction, the peace officer has  
1-31 the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure.  
1-32 SECTION 2. Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
1-33 amended to read as follows:  
1-34 Art. 2A.001. PEACE OFFICERS GENERALLY. The following are  
1-35 peace officers:  
1-36 (1) a sheriff, a sheriff's deputy, or a reserve deputy  
1-37 sheriff who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under  
1-38 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;  
1-39 (2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve  
1-40 deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued  
1-41 under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;  
1-42 (3) a marshal or police officer of a municipality or a  
1-43 reserve municipal police officer who holds a permanent peace  
1-44 officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;  
1-45 (4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve  
1-46 officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the  
1-47 director of the Department of Public Safety;  
1-48 (5) an investigator of a district attorney's, criminal  
1-49 district attorney's, or county attorney's office;  
1-50 (6) a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic  
1-51 Beverage Commission;  
1-52 (7) a member of an arson investigating unit  
1-53 commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state;  
1-54 (8) an officer commissioned under Section 37.081,  
1-55 Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;  
1-56 (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities  
1-57 Commission;  
1-58 (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the  
1-59 Parks and Wildlife Commission;  
1-60 (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter 23,  
1-61 Transportation Code;

2-1 (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer  
2-2 or security officer;  
2-3 (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned  
2-4 as a peace officer by the comptroller;  
2-5 (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and  
2-6 improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;  
2-7 (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees  
2-8 under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;  
2-9 (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical  
2-10 Board;  
2-11 (17) an officer commissioned by:  
2-12 (A) the board of managers of the Dallas County  
2-13 Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar  
2-14 County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District  
2-15 under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;  
2-16 (B) the board of directors of the Ector County  
2-17 Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local  
2-18 Laws Code;  
2-19 (C) the board of directors of the Midland County  
2-20 Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121,  
2-21 Special District Local Laws Code; ~~[or]~~  
2-22 (D) the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock  
2-23 County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section  
2-24 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code; or  
2-25 (E) the board of directors of a defense base  
2-26 development authority established under Chapter 379B, Local  
2-27 Government Code;  
2-28 (18) a county park ranger commissioned under  
2-29 Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;  
2-30 (19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing  
2-31 Commission;  
2-32 (20) an officer commissioned under Chapter 554,  
2-33 Occupations Code;  
2-34 (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of  
2-35 a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108,  
2-36 Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under  
2-37 Section 452.110, Transportation Code;  
2-38 (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney  
2-39 general under Section 402.009, Government Code;  
2-40 (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned  
2-41 as a peace officer under Chapter 466, Government Code;  
2-42 (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under  
2-43 Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;  
2-44 (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal  
2-45 under Chapter 417, Government Code;  
2-46 (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner  
2-47 of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;  
2-48 (27) an apprehension specialist or inspector general  
2-49 commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer  
2-50 under Section 242.102 or 243.052, Human Resources Code;  
2-51 (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of  
2-52 the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019,  
2-53 Government Code;  
2-54 (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas  
2-55 Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations  
2-56 Code;  
2-57 (30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector,  
2-58 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B,  
2-59 Chapter 352, Local Government Code;  
2-60 (31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or  
2-61 investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under  
2-62 Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;  
2-63 (32) an officer commissioned by the State Board of  
2-64 Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject  
2-65 to the limitations imposed by that section; and  
2-66 (33) an investigator commissioned by the Texas  
2-67 Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 221.011,  
2-68 Human Resources Code.  
2-69 SECTION 3. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails

3-1 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,  
3-2 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted  
3-3 codes.

3-4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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