AN ACT

relating to benefits from the Employees Retirement System of Texas for law enforcement officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (9), Section 811.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(9) "Law enforcement officer" means a member of the retirement system who:

(A) has been commissioned as a law enforcement officer by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, [the State Board of Pharmacy] or the Parks and Wildlife Department; and

(B) [who] is recognized as a commissioned law enforcement officer by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 814.104, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A member who is at least 55 years old and who has at least 10 years of service credit as a commissioned peace officer engaged in criminal law enforcement activities of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, [the State Board of Pharmacy] or the Parks and Wildlife Department, or as a custodial officer, is eligible to retire and receive a service
retirement annuity.

SECTION 3. Section 815.505, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 815.505. CERTIFICATION OF NAMES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTODIAL OFFICERS. Not later than the 12th day of the month following the month in which a person begins or ceases employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer, the Public Safety Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Parks and Wildlife Commission, [the State Board of Pharmacy,] the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, as applicable, shall certify to the retirement system, in the manner prescribed by the system, the name of the employee and such other information as the system determines is necessary for the crediting of service and financing of benefits under this subtitle.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a person who begins employment as a law enforcement officer of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy on or after the effective date of this Act. A person who begins employment as a law enforcement officer of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.
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David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Jim Ashcraft
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 262 passed the Senate on March 17, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 262 passed the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Harms
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Rick Perry
Governor

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