

CHAPTER 796

H.B. No. 1622

AN ACT

relating to certain restrictions on the use of polygraph examinations by the Department of Public Safety.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 181, General Laws, Acts of the 44th Legislature, Regular Session, 1935 (Article 4413(1) et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 17b to read as follows:

*Sec. 17b. An officer commissioned by the Department may not be suspended or terminated or subjected to any other form of discrimination by the Department because of the refusal of the officer to take a polygraph examination.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to a suspension, termination, or other discriminatory action that takes effect on or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1622 on May 31, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 30, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.