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H.B. No. 1400

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the criminal offense of impersonating a private investigator.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter P, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1702.3876 to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.3876. IMPERSONATING PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR; OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) impersonates a private investigator with the intent to induce another to submit to the person's pretended authority or to rely on the person's pretended acts of a private investigator; or

(2) knowingly purports to exercise any function that requires licensure as a private investigator.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.