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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of a badge, insignia, weapon, or uniform of law enforcement officers or public safety personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 614, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 614.055 to read as follows:

Sec. 614.055. PURCHASE OF BADGE, INSIGNIA, WEAPON, OR UNIFORM OF CERTAIN HONORABLY RETIRED OR DECEASED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL. (a) An individual may purchase a badge, insignia, weapon, or uniform from a state or local governmental agency as provided by this section if:

(1) the individual was commissioned or employed by the agency as a:

(A) peace officer;

(B) fire fighter;

(C) licensed paramedic;

(D) certified emergency medical technician;

(E) fire or emergency medical services dispatcher;

(F) licensed county jailer; or

(G) corrections officer;

(2) the individual:

(A) was honorably retired from the individual's commission or employment by the agency; or

1 (B) is scheduled to retire honorably not later
2 than 90 days after the date of purchase from the individual's
3 commission or employment by the agency; and

4 (3) the badge, insignia, weapon, or uniform had been
5 previously issued to the individual by the agency.

6 (b) The nearest surviving relative of an individual
7 described by Subsection (a)(1) who died or was permanently disabled
8 in the line of duty under honorable circumstances as determined by
9 the agency may purchase items described by Subsection (a)(3).

10 (c) An individual or person may not purchase a weapon
11 prohibited under Section 46.05, Penal Code.

12 (d) Another person such as an association of law enforcement
13 officers or public safety personnel may purchase a badge, insignia,
14 weapon, or uniform to present to an individual who meets the
15 qualifications of Subsection (a) or to the nearest surviving
16 relative described by Subsection (b).

17 (e) An individual or person who purchases a badge, insignia,
18 weapon, or uniform under this section must:

19 (1) purchase the badge, insignia, weapon, or uniform
20 at fair market value; and

21 (2) permanently affix on a plaque or place in a
22 presentation case the badge, insignia, weapon, or uniform.

23 (f) This section does not apply to the extent that an item
24 may be purchased by or on behalf of an individual under other law.

25 SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter D, Chapter 614,
26 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

