

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the offense of interference with public duties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.15(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person with criminal negligence interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with:

(1) a peace officer while the peace officer is performing a duty or exercising authority imposed or granted by law;

(2) a person who is employed to provide emergency medical services including the transportation of ill or injured persons while the person is performing that duty;

(3) a fire fighter, while the fire fighter is fighting a fire or investigating the cause of a fire;

(4) an animal under the supervision of a peace officer, corrections officer, or jailer, if the person knows the animal is being used for law enforcement, corrections, prison or jail security, or investigative purposes; ~~or~~

(5) the transmission of a communication over a citizen's band radio channel, the purpose of which communication is to inform or inquire about an emergency; or

1 (6) an officer with responsibility for animal control
2 in a county or municipality, while the officer is performing a duty
3 or exercising authority imposed or granted under Chapter 821 or
4 822, Health and Safety Code.

5 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
6 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
7 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
8 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
9 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
10 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
11 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
12 date.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 825 was passed by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 825 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor