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H.B. No. 2163

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use by a peace officer of the officer's rank or status to advertise or promote a private business.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER H. PRIVATE COMMERCIAL USE OF RANK OR STATUS AS PEACE OFFICER

Sec. 614.151. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "peace officer" means an individual elected, appointed, or employed to serve as a peace officer for a governmental entity under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

Sec. 614.152. USE OF RANK OR STATUS AS PEACE OFFICER TO ADVERTISE OR PROMOTE PRIVATE BUSINESS PROHIBITED. (a) A peace officer may not use the peace officer's status or rank as a peace officer to advertise or otherwise promote a private business.

(b) A peace officer who violates this section is subject to disciplinary action by the peace officer's employing governmental entity.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.