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S.B. No. 612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of interference with
3 public duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (5) the transmission of a communication over a
23 citizen's band radio channel, the purpose of which communication is
24 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.