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H.B. No. 418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to restricting the justified use of a Taser by a peace
3 officer and certain other persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 9, Penal Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 9.54 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 9.54. USE OF TASER. A peace officer, or a person
8 acting in a peace officer's presence and at the officer's direction,
9 is justified in using a Taser against another person only if the
10 officer or person is justified in using deadly force against the
11 other person under Section 9.51(c) or (d) or Section 9.52.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.