

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 526
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2007; February 26, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; March 15, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; March 15, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to providing that a municipality may allow a municipal
1-9 fire marshal or arson investigator to travel in an unmarked
1-10 municipal vehicle when performing official duties.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 721.005, Transportation
1-13 Code, as amended by Chapters 66 and 140, Acts of the 77th
1-14 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The governing body of a municipality may exempt from the
1-16 requirements of Section 721.004:

1-17 (1) an automobile when used to perform an official
1-18 duty by a:

1-19 (A) police department;

1-20 (B) magistrate as defined by Article 2.09, Code
1-21 of Criminal Procedure; ~~or~~

1-22 (C) medical examiner; ~~or~~

1-23 (D) ~~(4)~~ municipal code enforcement officer
1-24 designated to enforce environmental criminal laws; or

1-25 (E) municipal fire marshal or arson
1-26 investigator; or

1-27 (2) an automobile used by a municipal employee only
1-28 when conducting an investigation involving suspected fraud or other
1-29 mismanagement within the municipality.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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