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H.B. No. 603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a prohibition on law enforcement inquiries regarding  
3 the nationality or immigration status of a victim of or witness to a  
4 criminal offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 2.13, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (d) A peace officer may not inquire as to the nationality or  
9 immigration status of a victim of or witness to a criminal offense  
10 except as necessary to investigate the offense.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.