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H.B. No. 2528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on private investigators' and security officers' use of vehicles that mimic law enforcement vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1702.1301 to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.1301. RESTRICTIONS ON APPEARANCE OF VEHICLES.

(a) A motor vehicle used by a license holder, or an officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a license holder, in the course of activity licensed by this chapter:

(1) must display an inscription containing:

(A) the company name of the license holder; and

(B) the words "Not Affiliated with Law Enforcement"; and

(2) may not display the state seal or another seal or any variation on the state seal or another seal that may give an impression that the person is connected with the federal government, a state government, or a political subdivision of this state.

(b) The inscription required by Subsection (a) must be:

(1) in a color sufficiently different from the body of the motor vehicle so that the lettering is plainly legible at a distance of not less than 100 feet; and

(2) in letters not less than two inches high.

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.