

1-1 By: Williams S.B. No. 1697
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1697 By: Williams

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to duties and restrictions regarding the special Texas
1-11 Rangers.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 411.023, Government Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (b) A special ranger is subject to the orders of the
1-17 commission and the governor for special duty to the same extent as
1-18 other law enforcement officers provided for by this chapter, except
1-19 that a special ranger may not enforce a law [~~except one designed to~~
1-20 ~~protect life and property and may not enforce a law~~] regulating the
1-21 use of a state highway by a motor vehicle. A special ranger is not
1-22 connected with a ranger company or uniformed unit of the
1-23 department.

1-24 (g) The director may call special rangers into service to:

1-25 (1) preserve the peace and protect life and property;

1-26 (2) conduct background investigations;

1-27 (3) monitor sex offenders;

1-28 (4) serve as part of two-officer units on patrol in
1-29 high threat areas; and

1-30 (5) provide assistance to the department during
1-31 disasters.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 411.024, Government Code, is amended by
1-33 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
1-34 follows:

1-35 (b) A special Texas Ranger is subject to the orders of the
1-36 commission and the governor for special duty to the same extent as
1-37 other law enforcement officers provided for by this chapter, except
1-38 that a special Texas Ranger may not enforce a law [~~except one~~
1-39 ~~designed to protect life and property and may not enforce a law~~]
1-40 regulating the use of a state highway by a motor vehicle. A special
1-41 Texas Ranger is not connected with a ranger company or uniformed
1-42 unit of the department.

1-43 (g) The director may call special Texas Rangers into service
1-44 to:

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1-48 (4) serve as part of two-officer units on patrol in
1-49 high threat areas; and

1-50 (5) provide assistance to the department during
1-51 disasters.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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