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H.B. No. 516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the execution of a search warrant for taking a blood
3 specimen from certain persons in certain intoxication offenses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 18, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Article 18.065 to read as follows:

7 Art. 18.065. WARRANT FOR BLOOD SPECIMEN IN INTOXICATION
8 OFFENSE MAY BE EXECUTED IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTY. Notwithstanding any
9 other law, a warrant issued under Article 18.02(10) to collect a
10 blood specimen from a person suspected of committing an
11 intoxication offense under Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.05, 49.06,
12 49.065, 49.07, or 49.08, Penal Code, may be executed in a county
13 that is contiguous to the county in which the warrant is issued,
14 regardless of whether the issuing court's jurisdiction extends
15 outside the county in which that court is located.

16 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
17 to a search warrant issued on or after the effective date of this
18 Act. A search warrant issued before the effective date of this Act
19 is governed by the law in effect on the date the warrant was issued,
20 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.