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H.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use by a peace officer of the officer's rank or
3 status to advertise or promote certain private businesses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 1701.5025 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1701.5025. PRIVATE COMMERCIAL USE OF RANK OR STATUS AS
8 OFFICER. (a) An officer may not use the officer's rank or status as
9 an officer, including the title "officer" or "peace officer," to
10 advertise or otherwise promote a private business in which the
11 officer has an ownership interest or of which the officer is a
12 manager, contractor, or employee unless the business is directly
13 related to the profession of law enforcement, including private
14 security, firearms instruction, or another related business as
15 determined by the commission.

16 (b) An officer who violates this section is subject to
17 disciplinary action by the commission.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.