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H.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the use by an active peace officer of the officer's rank  
3 or 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 PEACE OFFICER. (a) An active peace officer may not use the peace  
9 officer's rank or status as a peace officer to advertise or  
10 otherwise promote a private business in which the peace officer has  
11 an ownership interest or of which the peace officer is a manager.

12 (b) A peace officer who violates this section is subject to  
13 disciplinary action by the commission.

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