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H.B. No. 988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of a lock for purposes of the regulation of certain private security companies and occupations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (13-a) to read as follows:

(13-a) "Lock" means a fastening device that:

(A) is used to secure, regulate, activate, or control a door, gate, drawer, cabinet, safe, or automobile by means of a mechanical or electric device, including a latch, bolt, key, transmitter, card-reader, keypad, or proximity key fob; and

(B) is not monitored by security personnel or services and does not send a signal to which law enforcement or emergency services respond.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.