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H.B. No. 1257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on the use of commercial social networking sites by sex offenders; imposing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 62.0552 to read as follows:

Art. 62.0552. USE OF COMMERCIAL SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES BY CERTAIN OFFENDERS. (a) In this article, "commercial social networking site" has the meaning assigned by Article 62.0061(f).

(b) A person required to register under this chapter who uses a commercial social networking site and is not otherwise prohibited from accessing the site under Section 13G, Article 42.12, shall include an indication that the person is a sex offender in the person's profile for the site and shall ensure the information is viewable by all visitors of the site.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act in amending Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies to any person who, on or after the effective date of this Act, is subject to registration under that chapter, regardless of whether the offense for which the person is subject to registration was committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

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