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H.B. No. 2147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the carrying of concealed handguns by certain county officers and employees in a courthouse.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b-1) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(3) that the actor:

(1) possessed or carried a concealed handgun that the person was licensed to carry under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code; and

(2) was a county officer or county employee.

(c) In this section:

(1) "County officer" means a county judge, county commissioner, county attorney, sheriff, county tax assessor-collector, county clerk, district clerk, county treasurer, county auditor, county purchasing agent, and constable.

(2) "Premises" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.035.

(3) [~~(2)~~] "Secured area" means an area of an airport terminal building to which access is controlled by the inspection of persons and property under federal law.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
4 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
5 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
6 before that date.

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