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H.B. No. 2220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to county or municipal regulation of crafted precious metal dealers; providing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 1956, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 1956.06125 to read as follows:

Sec. 1956.06125. REGISTRATION WITH COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY.

A county or municipality may:

(1) require a person to obtain a license or permit from the county or municipality before the person engages in the business of purchasing and selling crafted precious metal in that county or municipality; and

(2) impose a fee for the issuance or renewal of the license or permit.

SECTION 2. Section 1956.069(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person:

(1) fails to make or permit inspection of a report as required by Section 1956.062 or 1956.063;

(2) violates Section 1956.0612 or 1956.064;

(3) fails to obtain or retain a statement as required by Section 1956.066;

(4) fails to file a registration statement as required by Section 1956.067; ~~or~~

1                   (5) purchases an object in violation of Section  
2 1956.068; or

3                   (6) fails to obtain a license or permit required by a  
4 county or municipality as authorized under Section 1956.06125.

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