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H.B. No. 844

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the possession of certain weapons by a security guard on the premises of a school or educational institution.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.03, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) It is an exception to the application of Subsection (a)(1) that the actor possessed a firearm or club while traveling to or from the actor's place of assignment or in the actual discharge of the actor's duties as a security officer if:

(1) the actor holds a security officer commission issued by the Texas Private Security Board;

(2) the actor is wearing a distinctive uniform; and

(3) the firearm or club is in plain view.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.