

1-1 By: Turner of Tarrant, et al. H.B. No. 1061
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;
 1-4 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-5 Justice; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the prosecution of the offense of interference with
 1-19 public duties.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 38.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding
 1-22 Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

1-23 (d-1) Except as provided by Subsection (d-2), in a
 1-24 prosecution for an offense under Subsection (a)(1), there is a
 1-25 rebuttable presumption that the actor interferes with a peace
 1-26 officer if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the actor
 1-27 intentionally disseminated the home address, home telephone
 1-28 number, emergency contact information, or social security number of
 1-29 the officer or a family member of the officer or any other
 1-30 information that is specifically described by Section 552.117(a),
 1-31 Government Code.

1-32 (d-2) The presumption in Subsection (d-1) does not apply to
 1-33 information disseminated by:

1-34 (1) a radio or television station that holds a license
 1-35 issued by the Federal Communications Commission; or

1-36 (2) a newspaper that is:

1-37 (A) a free newspaper of general circulation or
 1-38 qualified to publish legal notices;

1-39 (B) published at least once a week; and

1-40 (C) available and of interest to the general
 1-41 public.

1-42 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-43 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-44 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-45 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-46 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-47 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-48 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-49 before that date.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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