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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2018:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to guard dog companies and abolishing the regulation of guard dog trainers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1702.109, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.109. GUARD DOG COMPANY. A person acts as a guard dog company for the purposes of this chapter if the person places, rents, or sells [~~, or trains~~] a dog used to:

(1) protect an individual or property; or

(2) conduct an investigation.

SECTION 2. Section 1702.221(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An individual must obtain the appropriate endorsement in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and related administrative rules if the individual:

(1) is employed as:

(A) an alarm instructor;

(B) an alarm systems installer;

(C) an alarm systems monitor;

(D) an electronic access control device installer;

(E) a level 3 classroom or firearm instructor;

(F) a locksmith;

1 (G) ~~[a dog trainer,~~
2 ~~[(H)]~~ a manager or branch office manager;
3 (H) ~~[(I)]~~ a noncommissioned security officer;
4 (I) ~~[(J)]~~ a level 4 personal protection
5 instructor;
6 (J) ~~[(K)]~~ a private investigator;
7 (K) ~~[(L)]~~ a private security consultant;
8 (L) ~~[(M)]~~ a security salesperson; or
9 (M) ~~[(N)]~~ an individual whose duties include
10 performing another activity for which an endorsement is required
11 under Subsection (e); or

12 (2) is an owner who oversees the security-related
13 aspects of the business, officer, partner, or shareholder of a
14 license holder.

15 SECTION 3. Section 1702.283, Occupations Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1702.283. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. A person who has been
18 convicted of cruelty to animals under Section 42.09 or 42.092,
19 Penal Code:

20 (1) is ineligible for a license as a guard dog company
21 ~~[or for endorsement as a dog trainer]~~; and

22 (2) may not be employed to work with dogs as a security
23 officer by a security services contractor or security department of
24 a private business that uses dogs to protect individuals or
25 property or to conduct investigations.

26 SECTION 4. Section 1702.301(d), Occupations Code, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 (d) Endorsement as a private investigator, manager, branch
2 office manager, alarm systems installer, security consultant,
3 security salesperson, or alarm systems monitor [~~, or dog trainer~~]
4 expires on the second anniversary of the date of endorsement.

5 SECTION 5. Section 1702.225, Occupations Code, is repealed.

6 SECTION 6. On the effective date of this Act, an endorsement
7 as a dog trainer issued under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
8 expires.

9 SECTION 7. (a) The change in law made by this Act does not
10 affect the validity of a proceeding pending before a court or other
11 governmental entity on the effective date of this Act.

12 (b) An offense or other violation of law committed before
13 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
14 the offense or violation was committed, and the former law is
15 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
16 subsection, an offense or violation was committed before the
17 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or
18 violation occurred before that date.

19 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.