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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to abolishing the regulation of guard dog trainers.

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

SECTION 1. 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;
- (G) ~~[a dog trainer,~~
- (H) ~~[(H)]~~ a manager or branch office manager;
- (H) ~~[(I)]~~ a noncommissioned security officer;
- (I) ~~[(J)]~~ a level 4 personal protection instructor;
- (J) ~~[(K)]~~ a private investigator;
- (K) ~~[(L)]~~ a private security consultant;
- (L) ~~[(M)]~~ a security salesperson; or

1 (M) [~~(N)~~] an individual whose duties include
2 performing another activity for which an endorsement is required
3 under Subsection (e); or

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

7 SECTION 2. Section 1702.283, Occupations Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

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

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

14 (2) may not be employed to work with dogs as a security
15 officer by a security services contractor or security department of
16 a private business that uses dogs to protect individuals or
17 property or to conduct investigations.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1702.301(d), Occupations Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

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

24 SECTION 4. Section 1702.225, Occupations Code, is repealed.

25 SECTION 5. On the effective date of this Act, an endorsement
26 as a dog trainer issued under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code,
27 expires.

1 SECTION 6. (a) The change in law made by this Act does not
2 affect the validity of a proceeding pending before a court or other
3 governmental entity on the effective date of this Act.

4 (b) An offense or other violation of law committed before
5 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when
6 the offense or violation was committed, and the former law is
7 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
8 subsection, an offense or violation was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense or
10 violation occurred before that date.

11 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.