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H.B. No. 3212

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officer identification cards.

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

SECTION 1. Section 614.121, Government Code, as added by Chapter 938 (H.B. 3613), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended by adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

(3-a) "Qualified retired law enforcement officer" has the meaning assigned by 18 U.S.C. Section 926C.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 614, Government Code, as added by Chapter 938 (H.B. 3613), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended by adding Section 614.1241 to read as follows:

Sec. 614.1241. QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

(a) On request of a qualified retired law enforcement officer who holds a certificate of proficiency under Section 1701.357, Occupations Code, the law enforcement agency or other governmental entity in this state that was the last entity to appoint or employ the qualified retired law enforcement officer as a peace officer shall issue an identification card to the qualified retired law enforcement officer.

(b) The identification card must include:

(1) the full name of the qualified retired law enforcement officer;

1           (2) a photograph of the qualified retired law  
2 enforcement officer consistent with the qualified retired law  
3 enforcement officer's appearance;

4           (3) the name of the law enforcement agency or other  
5 governmental entity that issued the card to the qualified retired  
6 law enforcement officer;

7           (4) if applicable, the signature of the person  
8 authorizing the issuance of the card on behalf of the law  
9 enforcement agency or other governmental entity to the qualified  
10 retired law enforcement officer;

11           (5) a brief description of the qualified retired law  
12 enforcement officer, including the qualified retired law  
13 enforcement officer's height, weight, and eye color;

14           (6) the thumbprint of the qualified retired law  
15 enforcement officer or a bar code with a unique identification  
16 label for the qualified retired law enforcement officer;

17           (7) the date the qualified retired law enforcement  
18 officer last served as a peace officer for the law enforcement  
19 agency or other governmental entity;

20           (8) the date the law enforcement agency or other  
21 governmental entity issued the card to the qualified retired law  
22 enforcement officer; and

23           (9) a phone number operational 24 hours a day, seven  
24 days a week, that a person may call to verify the validity of the  
25 identification card.

26           (c) On the identification card, the law enforcement agency  
27 or other governmental entity that issues the card shall print:

1           (1) "State of Texas" and the state seal; and

2           (2) "This identification card certifies that (insert  
3 name of qualified retired law enforcement officer) is a qualified  
4 retired law enforcement officer of (insert name of law enforcement  
5 agency or other governmental entity that last appointed or employed  
6 the qualified retired law enforcement officer)."

7           (d) The head of a law enforcement agency or other  
8 governmental entity that issued the identification card shall  
9 recover the identification card on the date the identification card  
10 expires.

11           SECTION 3. Section 614.127, Government Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13           Sec. 614.127. LOST OR STOLEN CARDS. If an identification  
14 card issued under this subchapter is lost or stolen, the law  
15 enforcement agency or other governmental entity that issued  
16 [issuing] the card to the peace officer, reserve law enforcement  
17 officer, honorably retired peace officer, or qualified retired law  
18 enforcement officer shall issue a duplicate identification card to  
19 the officer if the [may:

20           ~~[(1) require a peace officer, reserve law enforcement~~  
21 ~~officer, or honorably retired peace] officer submits [to submit] an~~  
22 affidavit executed by the ~~[peace officer, reserve law enforcement~~  
23 ~~officer, or honorably retired peace] officer to the law enforcement~~  
24 agency or other governmental entity ~~[issuing the card]~~ stating that  
25 the identification card was lost or stolen~~[, and~~

26           ~~[(2) issue a duplicate identification card to the~~  
27 ~~peace officer, reserve law enforcement officer, or honorably~~

1 ~~retired peace officer~~].

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.