

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, a law enforcement agency or other governmental entity in this state shall issue an identification card to the qualified retired law enforcement officer if the law enforcement agency or other governmental entity:

(1) was the last entity to appoint or employ the qualified retired law enforcement officer as a peace officer; or

(2) appointed or employed the qualified retired law enforcement officer for 20 years or more and the officer is

1 receiving retirement or pension benefits as a result of that
2 service.

3 (b) The identification card must include:

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

6 (2) a photograph of the qualified retired law
7 enforcement officer consistent with the qualified retired law
8 enforcement officer's appearance;

9 (3) the name of the law enforcement agency or other
10 governmental entity that issued the card to the qualified retired
11 law enforcement officer;

12 (4) if applicable, the signature of the person
13 authorizing the issuance of the card on behalf of the law
14 enforcement agency or other governmental entity to the qualified
15 retired law enforcement officer;

16 (5) a brief description of the qualified retired law
17 enforcement officer, including the qualified retired law
18 enforcement officer's height, weight, and eye color;

19 (6) the thumbprint of the qualified retired law
20 enforcement officer or a bar code with a unique identification
21 label for the qualified retired law enforcement officer;

22 (7) the date the qualified retired law enforcement
23 officer last served as a peace officer for the law enforcement
24 agency or other governmental entity;

25 (8) the date the law enforcement agency or other
26 governmental entity issued the card to the qualified retired law
27 enforcement officer; and

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

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

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

7 (2) "This identification card certifies that (insert
8 name of qualified retired law enforcement officer) is a qualified
9 retired law enforcement officer of (insert name of law enforcement
10 agency or other governmental entity that last appointed or employed
11 the qualified retired law enforcement officer)."

12 (d) The head of a law enforcement agency or other
13 governmental entity that issued the identification card shall
14 recover the identification card on the date the identification card
15 expires.

16 SECTION 3. Section 614.127, Government Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

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

25 ~~[(1) require a peace officer, reserve law enforcement~~
26 ~~officer, or honorably retired peace]~~ officer submits ~~[to submit]~~ an
27 affidavit executed by the ~~[peace officer, reserve law enforcement~~

1 ~~officer, or honorably retired peace~~] officer to the law enforcement
2 agency or other governmental entity [~~issuing the card~~] stating that
3 the identification card was lost or stolen[~~, and~~

4 [~~(2) issue a duplicate identification card to the~~
5 ~~peace officer, reserve law enforcement officer, or honorably~~
6 ~~retired peace officer~~].

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3212 was passed by the House on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3212 on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3212 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor