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H.B. No. 3212

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to peace officer identification cards for certain retired peace officers.

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 PEACE 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

1 enforcement officer;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (c) On the identification card, the law enforcement agency

1 or other governmental entity that issues the card shall print:

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

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

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

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

14 Sec. 614.127. LOST OR STOLEN CARDS. If an identification
15 card issued under this subchapter is lost or stolen, the law
16 enforcement agency or other governmental entity issuing the card
17 may:

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

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

1 peace officer, or qualified retired law enforcement officer.

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