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By:  Burns H.B. No. 2164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposing civil and criminal penalties for prohibiting or otherwise restricting a peace officer or special investigator from carrying a weapon on certain premises open to the public; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 2.1305, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c)  An establishment serving the public that violates this article is subject to a civil penalty in the amount of $1,000 for each violation. The attorney general may sue to collect a civil penalty under this subsection. Money collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(d)  An establishment serving the public or other person who is an employee or agent of that establishment commits an offense if the person violates this article. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.