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H.B. No. 1359

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an attorney's entrance into a building that houses a court by presentation of the attorney's state bar membership card.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 75, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. ACCESS TO BUILDINGS THAT HOUSE COURTS

Sec. 75.601. STATE BAR MEMBERS. (a) To enter a building that houses a justice court, municipal court, county court, county court at law, or district court without passing through security services, an attorney licensed to practice law in this state may present the attorney's state bar membership card instead of an identification card issued or authorized for issuance by a county or municipality.

(b) A county or municipality may not adopt or enforce an order or ordinance that conflicts with Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Section 291.010, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The commissioners court of a county may not adopt or enforce an order that conflicts with Section 75.601, Government Code.

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