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H.B. No. 1625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the criminal offense of false report of
criminal conduct committed by emergency responder.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Penal Code, is amended by adding
Section 37.082 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.082. FALSE REPORT OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT COMMITTED BY
EMERGENCY RESPONDER. (a) In this section, "emergency services
personnel" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.01.

(b) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to
deceive, the person:

(1) knowingly makes a false report that a peace
officer or emergency services personnel, while performing official
duties, engaged in conduct that violates a penal law of this state;
and

(2) makes the report to any law enforcement agency for
the purpose of initiating a criminal investigation against the
officer or personnel.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this
section also constitutes an offense under another law, the actor
may be prosecuted under this section or the other law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.