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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a peace officer's duty to display and provide the officer's name and identification number; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.1301 to read as follows:

Art. 2.1301.  DUTY TO DISPLAY AND PROVIDE NAME AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. (a) A peace officer who is discharging an official duty and is not undercover shall:

(1)  display in a visible manner at all times the officer's first and last name and badge number or other identification number; and

(2)  provide the officer's first and last name and badge number or other identification number to any person on request.

(b)  A peace officer wearing riot gear that includes a helmet or a shield is considered to have complied with Subsection (a)(1) only if the officer displays the required information on each of those items, as applicable.

(c)  A peace officer commits an offense if the officer violates Subsection (a)(2). An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.