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H.B. No. 496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a peace officer's duty to display and provide the
3 officer's name and identification number; creating a criminal
4 offense.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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