

1-1 By: Swanson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt) H.B. No. 1400
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 17, 2021;
 1-3 May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-4 Justice; May 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Whitmire	X			
1-8 Huffman	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Birdwell	X			
1-11 Hinojosa	X			
1-12 Miles	X			
1-13 Nichols	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation of the criminal offense of impersonating a
 1-18 private investigator.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter P, Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 1702.3876 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 1702.3876. IMPERSONATING PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR;
 1-23 OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person:

1-24 (1) impersonates a private investigator with the
 1-25 intent to induce another to submit to the person's pretended
 1-26 authority or to rely on the person's pretended acts of a private
 1-27 investigator; or

1-28 (2) knowingly purports to exercise any function that
 1-29 requires licensure as a private investigator.

1-30 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
 1-31 except that the offense is a felony of the third degree if it is
 1-32 shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant has previously
 1-33 been convicted of an offense under this section.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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