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H.B. No. 2302

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the criminal offense of a peace officer making a false statement in an incident report.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 39.08 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.08. FALSE STATEMENT IN INCIDENT REPORT. (a) A peace officer commits an offense if the officer:

(1) files a report with the law enforcement agency employing the officer regarding the commission or investigation of an offense; and

(2) intentionally or knowingly makes a false statement in the report.

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

(c) It is an exception to the application of this section that the peace officer attributes the false statement to another person in the report.

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