By:  Spiller, Harless (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 1133

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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Whitmire        X

Flores          X

Bettencourt     X

Hinojosa        X

Huffman         X

King            X

Miles           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from the application of the Private Security Act for volunteer security services provided at certain places or events.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 1702.333, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1702.333.  [~~PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP;~~] CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS. (a) In this section, "volunteer security services" means services or activities that are:

(1)  regulated under this chapter; and

(2)  provided without compensation or remuneration.

(b)  This chapter does not apply to a person who is providing volunteer security services on:

(1)  the premises of a church, synagogue, or other established place of religious worship; or

(2)  premises where an event sponsored or sanctioned by a public primary or secondary school is taking place.

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (d), while [~~While~~] providing volunteer security services under Subsection (b), a person may not wear a uniform or badge that:

(1)  contains the word "security"; or

(2)  gives the person the appearance of being a peace officer, personal protection officer, or security officer.

(d)  A peace officer providing volunteer security services under Subsection (b) may:

(1)  with the consent of the head of the employing or appointing law enforcement agency, wear the uniform of the agency; or

(2)  wear another uniform or badge that gives the person the appearance of being a peace officer.

(e)  The reimbursement for or payment of an insurance policy insuring a peace officer who provides volunteer security services under Subsection (b) for civil liability arising from acts occurring while providing those services is not considered compensation or reimbursement.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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