By:  Hefner (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 4906

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023; May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

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 the installation and use of tracking equipment and access to certain communications by certain peace officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Article 18B.001(1), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(1)  "Authorized peace officer" means:

(A)  a sheriff or deputy sheriff;

(B)  a constable or deputy constable;

(C)  a marshal or police officer of a municipality;

(D)  a ranger or officer commissioned by the Public Safety Commission or the director of the department;

(E)  an investigator of a prosecutor's office;

(F)  a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(G)  a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(H)  an enforcement officer appointed by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code;

(I)  an investigator commissioned by the attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code; [~~or~~]

(J)  a member of an arson investigating unit commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state; or

(K)  a peace officer commissioned under Section 37.081 or 51.203, Education Code.

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

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