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H.B. No. 1133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an exemption from the application of the Private
3 Security Act for volunteer security services provided at certain
4 places or events.

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

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

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

- 11 (1) regulated under this chapter; and
12 (2) provided without compensation or remuneration.

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

- 15 (1) the premises of a church, synagogue, or other
16 established place of religious worship; or
17 (2) premises where an event sponsored or sanctioned by
18 a public primary or secondary school is taking place.

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

- 22 (1) contains the word "security"; or
23 (2) gives the person the appearance of being a peace
24 officer, personal protection officer, or security officer.

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

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

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

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

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