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H.B. No. 3154

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority to arrest a person without a warrant.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Citizens' Civil Liberties Act.

SECTION 2. Article 14.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 14.01. OFFENSE WITHIN VIEW. (a) A person who is a commissioned or noncommissioned security officer licensed under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, and is engaged in the performance of the person's duties as a security officer ~~[peace officer or any other person]~~ may, without a warrant, arrest an offender when the offense is committed in the person's ~~[his]~~ presence or within the person's ~~[his]~~ view, if the offense is one classed as a felony or as an offense against the public peace.

(b) A peace officer may arrest an offender without a warrant for any offense committed in the peace officer's ~~[his]~~ presence or within the peace officer's ~~[his]~~ view.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.