

AN ACT

relating to the search of certain wireless communications devices
by a peace officer.

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

SECTION 1. Article 18.0215(a), Code of Criminal Procedure,
is amended to read as follows:

(a) A peace officer may not search a person's cellular
telephone or other wireless communications device, pursuant to a
lawful arrest of the person without obtaining a warrant under this
article. A wireless communications device does not include a
skimmer as defined by Section 607.001, Business & Commerce Code, or
a device manufactured for the purpose of illicitly obtaining
payment card information or identifying information.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1497 passed the Senate on April 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1497 passed the House on May 20, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, three present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor