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S.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the search of certain wireless communications devices  
3 by a peace officer.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article [18.0215\(a\)](#), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A peace officer may not search a person's cellular  
8 telephone or other wireless communications device, pursuant to a  
9 lawful arrest of the person without obtaining a warrant under this  
10 article. A wireless communications device does not include a  
11 skimmer as defined by Section [607.001](#), Business & Commerce Code.

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