

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act does not exempt reserve peace officers from the Act. Housing authorities often have serious security concerns. But with shrinking federal dollars, it is difficult to fund off-duty police officers at \$20-\$25 an hour for basic services. Hiring their own security officers could help these authorities reduce costs while keeping the housing safer. This bill will exempt certain reserve peace officers from the application of the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 733 exempts certain reserve peace officers from the application of the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 3(a), Article 4413(29bb), V.T.C.S. (Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act), to provide that this Act does not apply to a reserve peace officer who receives compensation for private employment as a patrolman, guard, or watchman if the reserve peace officer meets certain criteria.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.