

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 232  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act regulates and licenses businesses and persons in the investigation and security industry. Under current Texas law, peace officers are prohibited from providing patrol, guard, watchman, or extra job coordinator services unless they work at least 32 hours a week as a peace officer. Many reserve peace officers in rural areas do not meet this requirement. H.B. 232 exempts certain rural reserve peace officers from regulation under the Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1702.322, Occupations Code, to provide that this chapter does not apply to a reserve peace officer for a county or for a department, precinct, or political subdivision of a county if the county has a population of less than 20,000, while the reserve officer is performing duties at an event or function sponsored or sanctioned by a political subdivision, school, or nonprofit organization in a county with a population of less than 20,000.

SECTION 2. (a) Provides that in accordance with Section 311.031(c) (relating to saving provisions), Government Code, which gives effect to a substantive amendment enacted by the same legislature that codifies the amended statute, the text of Section 1702.322, Occupations Code, as set out in this Act, gives effect to changes made by Section 3, Chapter 974, Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999.

(b) Provides that to the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.