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H.B. No. 3553

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of peace officer for purposes of intercepting or collecting information in relation to certain communications in an investigation of criminal conduct.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1(2), Article 18.21, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Authorized peace officer" means:

(A) a sheriff or a sheriff's deputy;

(B) a constable or deputy constable;

(C) a marshal or police officer of an incorporated city;

(D) a ranger or officer commissioned by the Public Safety Commission or the director of the Department of Public Safety;

(E) an investigator of a prosecutor's office;

(F) a law enforcement agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(G) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(H) an enforcement officer appointed by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code; ~~or~~

(I) an investigator commissioned by the attorney

1 general under Section 402.009, Government Code; or
2 (J) a fire marshal or related officer, inspector,
3 or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B,
4 Chapter 352, Local Government Code.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.