

HB 1217 -- Unlawful Use of Weapons

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This bill exempts all qualified retired peace officers from the crime of unlawful use of weapons. For purposes of the bill, a qualified retired peace officer is any individual who retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a peace officer. The individual must have been, before retirement, regularly employed for 15 years; authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for any violation of law; and had statutory powers of arrest. The bill requires the retired peace officer to have met, within the last year, the standards for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry firearms. Photographic identification, issued by the agency from which the peace officer retired, must be carried by the individual to qualify for the exemption.