

1-1 By: Landgraf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 888
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2019;
1-3 May 6, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Huffman	X			
1-10	Hughes	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Creighton	X			
1-13	Fallon	X			
1-14	Hall	X			
1-15	Lucio	X			
1-16	Nelson	X			
1-17	Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 888 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to creating the criminal offense of misrepresenting a
1-22 child as a family member at a port of entry.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Penal Code, is amended by adding
1-25 Section 37.082 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 37.082. MISREPRESENTING CHILD AS FAMILY MEMBER AT PORT
1-27 OF ENTRY. (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Child" means a person younger than 18 years of
1-29 age.

1-30 (2) "Family member" means a person who is related to
1-31 another person by consanguinity or affinity.

1-32 (3) "Port of entry" means a place designated by
1-33 executive order of the president of the United States, by order of
1-34 the United States secretary of the treasury, or by act of the United
1-35 States Congress at which a customs officer is authorized to enforce
1-36 customs laws.

1-37 (b) A person commits an offense if the person, with intent
1-38 to commit an offense under Section 20A.02, knowingly misrepresents
1-39 a child as a family member of the person to a peace officer or
1-40 federal special investigator at a port of entry.

1-41 (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

1-42 (d) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this
1-43 section also constitutes an offense under another law, the actor
1-44 may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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