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GOVERNMENT LETTER OF AUTHORITY INFORMATION

A government letter of authority allows the security department of a political subdivision to employ commission security officers for the protection of the subdivision's property.

Pursuant to §1702.321 of the Texas Occupations Code, registration is not required for an officer or employee of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state while the employee or officer is performing official duties in a non-commission capacity. However, the Letter of Authority is required in order to employ a commissioned security officer.

A Governmental Letter of Authority does not require the registration of a qualified manager.

Please note: A letter of authority does not authorize the political subdivision to offer or provide private security services to any person, third party or entity.

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