

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 103
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Justin Wollam, a former Danbury, Texas police officer and member of the Anchorage Police Department in Alaska, was killed in the line of duty when his cruiser was struck head-on by an underage drunk driver. The officer's mother, Beverly Wollam, proposed the idea for this bill with the intent that it will act as a deterrent against alcohol-related crimes by increasing the monetary penalty and contributing to an enforcement equipment fund. House Bill 103 will impose an additional \$100 fine upon the conviction of all alcohol-related offenses. The money will be deposited into a law enforcement equipment fund for enforcing and preventing alcohol-related offenses.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

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EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2004.