

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In recent years, sports participants, including referees, athletes, and coaches, have become targets of violent acts. Despite the fact that their official position often places them in compromising situation, they are afforded few protections under Texas law. C.S.S.B. 1919 provides that the penalty is raised from a Class C misdemeanor to Class B, if the assault is committed against a sports participant.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 22.01(c) and (e), Penal Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that an offense under Subsections (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04, or a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed by a person who is not a sports participant against a person the actor knows is a sports participant either: while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant or in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant.

(e) Defines "sports participant."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.