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H.B. No. 831

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to regulation of the use of laser pointers; providing a
3 criminal penalty.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 42.13 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.13. USE OF LASER POINTERS. (a) A person commits an
8 offense if the person knowingly directs a light from a laser pointer
9 at a uniformed safety officer, including a peace officer, security
10 guard, firefighter, emergency medical service worker, or other
11 uniformed municipal, state, or federal officer.

12 (b) In this section, "laser pointer" means a device that
13 emits a visible light amplified by the stimulated emission of
14 radiation.

15 (c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.