

1-1 By: Reyna, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 831
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2003;
1-3 April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to regulation of the use of laser pointers; providing a
1-9 criminal penalty.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Penal Code, is amended by adding
1-12 Section 42.13 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 42.13. USE OF LASER POINTERS. (a) A person commits an
1-14 offense if the person knowingly directs a light from a laser pointer
1-15 at a uniformed safety officer, including a peace officer, security
1-16 guard, firefighter, emergency medical service worker, or other
1-17 uniformed municipal, state, or federal officer.

1-18 (b) In this section, "laser pointer" means a device that
1-19 emits a visible light amplified by the stimulated emission of
1-20 radiation.

1-21 (c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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