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H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an additional court cost imposed on a person convicted  
3 of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while  
4 intoxicated.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 102.018, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) In this subsection, "offense relating to the operating  
9 of a motor vehicle while intoxicated" has the meaning assigned by  
10 Section 49.09, Penal Code. On conviction of an offense relating to  
11 the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated, the court shall  
12 impose a cost of \$50 on the defendant. A cost imposed under this  
13 subsection is in addition to other court costs and is due regardless  
14 of whether the defendant is granted community supervision in the  
15 case. Costs imposed under this subsection must be collected,  
16 deposited in the county treasury, and remitted to the comptroller  
17 in the same manner as costs imposed under Article 102.075. The  
18 comptroller shall deposit money received under this subsection to  
19 the credit of the general revenue fund. Of the money deposited to  
20 the credit of the general revenue fund under this subsection, 50  
21 percent may be appropriated only to the Texas Commission on Alcohol  
22 and Drug Abuse for:

23 (1) drug and alcohol awareness programs; and

24 (2) drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs.

1           SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

2           (b) Article 102.018(e), Code of Criminal Procedure, as  
3 added by this Act, applies only to a defendant convicted of an  
4 offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while  
5 intoxicated on or after September 1, 2003.

6           (c) A defendant convicted of an offense relating to the  
7 operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated before September 1,  
8 2003, is covered by the law in effect on the date of conviction, and  
9 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.