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H.B. No. 2542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an additional cost on conviction for an intoxication or drug offense.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be called the Justin Wollam Act.

SECTION 2. The heading to Article 102.018, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 102.018. COSTS ATTENDANT TO INTOXICATION AND DRUG CONVICTIONS.

SECTION 3. Article 102.018, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) In addition to the costs on conviction imposed by this article and Article 102.016, a person convicted of an offense under Chapter 49, Penal Code, or Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, shall pay \$100 on conviction of the offense. The clerk of the court shall collect the cost and pay it to the custodian of a municipal or county treasury, as appropriate, for deposit in a fund to be known as the law enforcement equipment fund. A fund designated by this subsection may be used for any purpose that the municipality or county determines will assist in the enforcement and prevention of intoxication and drug offenses.

SECTION 4. (a) Article 102.018(e), Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes

1 of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date
2 of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the
3 effective date.

4 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
5 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
6 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004.