

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 408
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
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1-5 Nays 0; April 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the punishment for the offense of terroristic threat.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 22.07, Penal Code, is amended by
1-11 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-12 follows:

1-13 (b) An offense under Subdivision (1) or (2) of Subsection
1-14 (a) is a Class B misdemeanor, except that an offense under
1-15 Subdivision (2) of Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor if the
1-16 offense is committed against a member of the actor's family or
1-17 household or against a public servant. An offense under
1-18 Subdivision (3) of Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor. An
1-19 offense under Subdivision (4) of Subsection (a) is a felony of the
1-20 third degree.

1-21 (c) In this section:

1-22 (1) "Family" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-23 71.003, Family Code.

1-24 (2) "Household" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-25 71.005, Family Code.

1-26 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-27 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-28 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
1-29 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
1-30 before that date.

1-31 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-32 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
1-33 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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