

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 340
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, the offense of making terrorizing threats to any person is a Class B misdemeanor. As proposed, S.B. 340 would enhance the current law to classify such an offense as a Class A misdemeanor, when perpetrated upon a family or household member or a public servant.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.07, Penal Code, by amending Subsection (b), and adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f), as follows:

- (b) Provides that an offense under Subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2), except as provided by Subsection (c), is a Class B misdemeanor.
- (c) Provides that an offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor if it is committed against a member of the person's family or household or against a public servant.
- (f) Defines "family," "household," and "public servant."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.