

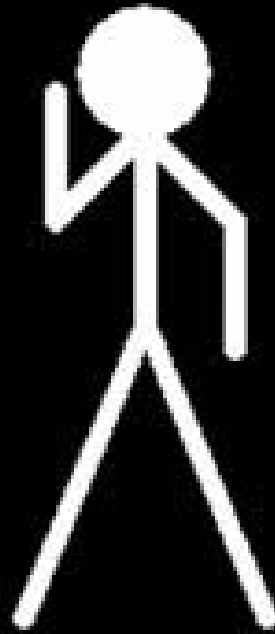
Hits and Misses:

A Commentary on the 82nd Legislature

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**No one's life, liberty or
property are safe while the
legislature is in session.**

-Benjamin Franklin

Texting ban HB 242



What happens when you
shoot too high?

- Provided that an operator may not use a hand-held wireless communication device to read, write, or send a text message, instant message, or email while operating a motor vehicle unless stopped



- Fine of \$1-\$200

Texting ban: HB 242

Texting while driving is reckless and irresponsible. I support measures that make our roads safer for everyone, but HB 242 is a government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults.

Texting @ ban
HA 242



What happens when you
shoot too high?



- **New Penal Code offense**
- **A minor cannot promote or possess by electronic means visual “sexual” material to another minor**
- **Hard to prove with available defenses**
- **Is a Class C misdemeanor**
- **Municipal court must waive jurisdiction over children**
- **Only 17-year-olds can be handled in municipal court**
- **Must appear in open court with their parents**

Sexting: SB 407





Sexting: HIT OR MISS?



Bath salts???



K₂???

- K2 and bath salts are now in the Controlled Substances Act



New categories of drugs



**What happens when you try
to inflate the penalty?**

- Intimidation or coercion of a witness was a state jail felony
- In an effort to deter witness tampering, attempt to increase punishment
- Instead, made the punishment correspond to the most serious criminal charge that is basis of the intimidation

Witness tampering: HB 1856



Sometimes you deflate it!



MY CHILD'S I.D.



A Division of On Site Identification, LLC 702-569-2020

Jane Kidd

10/15/2003

DOB

9/10/2007

ISSUED DATE

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SEX

39 1/2" 31

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MEDICAL ALERT:

Asthma, Birthmark on Right Knee

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Cutting back on criminal charges

- **Disruption of Class: 7th grade**
- **Disruption of Transportation: 7th grade**
- **Disorderly Conduct: 7th grade**
- **Failure to Attend School: 12-17**

Age limits: HB 359 / SB 1489



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So how old are you?



Non-substantive revisions

- Put all registration laws and offenses into Chapter 502
 - General penalty in 502
- Moved all license plate offenses into Chapter 504
- Removed the specific penalties
 - **NO GENERAL PENALTY IN 504**

TxDMV Bill: HB 2357



Attempt to fix this?



License plate debacle: HB 2357



Driver license bills

- **HB 2730: 3 notices; lengthy installment plans; good driver program; indigency program**
- **HB 588: advance payment option**
- **HB 2851: deferral for military**

**Driver Responsibility Program...
still alive and kicking**

HB 1514

- Military veterans can apply for “Veteran” endorsement



SB 1292

- Peace officers can print alternate address on their license

More driver license bills

Texas

USA
TX

DRIVER LICENSE

Stantley Clark



4d DL **12345678**

9 Class **AM**

4a Iss **07/30/2006**

4b Exp **07/30/2014**

3 DOB **07/30/1976**

1 **SAMPLE**

2 **JANICE**

8 **2120 OLD MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN TX 12345-0000**



12 Restrictions **A**

9a End **P**

Janice Sample

16 Hgt **5-04**

15 Sex **F**

18 Eyes **BLU**



5 DD **12345678900000000000**

- **Aggravated DWI (HB 1199):** if shown a BAC of 0.15 or greater, offense is a Class A misdemeanor
- **No DL + FMFR:** if shown caused SBI or death = Class A no DL

Traffic safety bills

- **HB 378: must get over for tow trucks**
- **HB 2981: don't tow boats with kids in them**
- **HB 1116: don't use radar interference devices**
- **HB 1201, HB 1353: SPEED!**

Other traffic safety bills

- **Nondisclosure passed in 2009**
- **Too many problems**
- **How do you fix something that is broken?**

Juvenile Records: HB 961



- **Confidentiality**
- **Modeled after Family Code**
- **On conviction and satisfaction of judgment**
- **Does not apply to traffic**

Juvenile Confidentiality: HB 961

- **New laws for discharging fines**
- **New procedures for recusal and disqualification**
- **Combining municipal courts**

HIT OR MISS?

- **Cash bond refunds**



- **Posting the docket**

HIT OR MISS?



Are you a Jedi sir?

- **Can take a defendant's bond**
- **Can execute process in the jail**

Increased authority for jailers



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Keeping up with the Joneses...

- **Can obtain an arrest warrant or summons under Chapter 15 by appearing before magistrate electronically**
- **First minor to contact medical assistance exempt from MIP/MIC charges**

HIT OR MISS





Good in theory, bad in execution...

- **Video teleconferencing systems**
- **Warrant officers and related equipment**

**Court Security Fee:
HB 2847 & SB 1521**

HIT



MISS

Expanded use of court security fee

**“The mistakes made by
Congress wouldn’t be so bad
if the next Congress didn’t
keep trying to correct them.”**

-Cullen Hightower