

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, under existing law, rape and other aggravated sexual assaults are illegal. Rohypnol is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless drug that can be easily slipped into someone's drink to incapacitate them. The use of rohypnol in date rape cases was first reported in Florida in the early 1990's. Since then, its use has spread both geographically and in the types of crimes in which it is involved. S.B. 1100 would make it an offense for the use of flunitrazepam, otherwise known as rohypnol, or gamma hydroxybutyrate to facilitate the commission of the offense of aggravated sexual assault.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1100 makes it an offense to administer certain controlled substances to facilitate the commission of the offense of aggravated sexual assault.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.021(a), Penal Code, to provide that a person commits an offense if the person administers rohypnol or gamma hydroxybutyrate to the victim of the offense with the intent of facilitating the commission of the offense.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.