

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law establishes that a person is intoxicated if the person has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10. In 1997, there were 1,066 persons killed in alcohol-related motor vehicle traffic accidents in Texas. This bill would redefine “intoxicated” as having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 regarding certain offenses involving intoxication.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 650 redefines “intoxicated” for purposes of certain offenses involving intoxication.

### **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 49.01(2), Penal Code, to redefine “intoxicated” as having an alcohol concentration of 0.08, rather than 0.10, or more.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.