

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1585
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1585 requires corroborating evidence to support the testimony of an undercover officer in a criminal trial.

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 Part 1, Chapter 38, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Article 38.141, as follows:

Art. 31.141. TESTIMONY OF UNDERCOVER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

Provides that a conviction cannot be had upon the testimony of an undercover law enforcement officer unless corroborated by other evidence tending to connect the defendant with each element of the offense committed. Provides that the corroboration is not sufficient if it merely shows the commission of the offense.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.