

CHAPTER 226

S.B. No. 598

An Act relating to the imposition of a special cost on conviction of driving while intoxicated or involuntary manslaughter involving the use of a motor vehicle; adding Subsection (j) to Article 67011-1, Revised Statutes, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 67011-1, Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

“(j) On conviction of an offense under this article or an offense under Subdivision (2), Subsection (a), Section 19.05, Penal Code, the court shall impose a cost of \$15 on a defendant if, subsequent to the arrest of the defendant, a law enforcement agency visually recorded the defendant with an electronic device. Costs imposed under this subsection are in addition to other court costs and are due whether or not the defendant is granted probation in the case. The court shall collect the costs in the same manner as other costs are collected in the case.”

SECTION 2. (a) The cost imposed by this Act applies only to a conviction for an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for this purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on March 6, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 13, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 3, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985