

1-1 By: Hall, Birdwell, Hagenbuch S.B. No. 1730  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2025; March 13, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the recovery of damages for injuries arising out of  
1-18 certain uses of force or deadly force.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Chapter 83, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is  
1-21 amended by adding Sections 83.002 and 83.003 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 83.002. EFFECT OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ON LIABILITY.  
1-23 A claimant may not recover damages for personal injury or death that  
1-24 results from a defendant's act constituting the use of force or  
1-25 deadly force if:

1-26 (1) a grand jury finds no bill of indictment for  
1-27 criminal charges based on the act;

1-28 (2) a court in a criminal proceeding orders a  
1-29 dismissal of criminal charges based on the act; or

1-30 (3) the defendant is acquitted of criminal charges  
1-31 based on the act.

1-32 Sec. 83.003. CLAIMANT'S LIABILITY FOR COURT COSTS AND  
1-33 ATTORNEY'S FEES. A claimant who is barred from recovery under this  
1-34 chapter is liable to the defendant for court costs and reasonable  
1-35 attorney's fees incurred in defending against the barred claim.

1-36 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
1-37 a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of  
1-38 this Act. A cause of action that accrued before the effective date  
1-39 of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action  
1-40 immediately before the effective date of this Act and that law is  
1-41 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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