

1-1 By: Klick, et al. H.B. No. 9
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Campbell, Bettencourt)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-4 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
 1-5 Justice; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 5, Nays 1; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14		X		
1-15	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the criminal punishment and conditions of community
 1-19 supervision for the offense of obstructing a highway or other
 1-20 passageway; increasing a criminal penalty.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 42A, Code of Criminal
 1-23 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 42A.517 to read as follows:

1-24 Art. 42A.517. COMMUNITY SUPERVISION FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES
 1-25 INVOLVING OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY OR OTHER PASSAGEWAY. A court
 1-26 granting community supervision to a defendant convicted of an
 1-27 offense punishable as a state jail felony under Section 42.03,
 1-28 Penal Code, shall require as a condition of community supervision
 1-29 that the defendant submit to not less than 10 days of confinement in
 1-30 a county jail.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 42.03(c), Penal Code, is amended to read
 1-32 as follows:

1-33 (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor,
 1-34 except that the offense is a state jail felony if, in committing the
 1-35 offense, the actor knowingly:

1-36 (1) prevents the passage of an authorized emergency
 1-37 vehicle, as defined by Section 541.201, Transportation Code, that
 1-38 is operating the vehicle's emergency audible or visual signals
 1-39 required by Section 546.003, Transportation Code; or

1-40 (2) obstructs access to a hospital licensed under
 1-41 Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, or other health care facility
 1-42 that provides emergency medical care, as defined by Section
 1-43 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

1-44 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-45 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-46 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-47 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-48 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-49 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-50 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-51 before that date.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

1-53 * * * * *