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H.B. No. 4181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of practicing  
3 veterinary medicine without a license; increasing a criminal  
4 penalty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 801.504(b), Occupations Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,  
9 except that an offense under this section is a state jail felony if  
10 it is shown on the trial of the offense that the actor:

11 (1) violated Section 801.251; and

12 (2) during the commission of the offense falsely  
13 represented to another that the actor was a veterinarian or was  
14 affiliated with a veterinarian's practice.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
16 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
17 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed  
18 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the  
19 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
20 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
21 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.