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H.B. No. 1138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of reckless
3 discharge of a firearm.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 42.12, Penal Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.12. RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARM [~~IN CERTAIN~~
8 ~~MUNICIPALITIES~~].

9 SECTION 2. Sections 42.12(a) and (d), Penal Code, are
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (a) A person commits an offense if the person recklessly
12 discharges a firearm [~~inside the corporate limits of a municipality~~
13 ~~having a population of 100,000 or more~~].

14 (d) Subsection (a) does not affect the authority of a county
15 or municipality under other law to enact an order or ordinance which
16 prohibits the discharge of a firearm.

17 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
19 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
20 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
21 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
22 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
23 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
24 before that date.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.