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H.B. No. 3747

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the criminal penalty for the offense of the
3 unauthorized reproduction, purchase, use, sale, or possession of a
4 temporary tag; creating a criminal offense; increasing criminal
5 penalties.

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

7 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 503.067, Transportation
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 503.067. UNAUTHORIZED REPRODUCTION, PURCHASE, USE,
10 ~~[OR]~~ SALE, OR POSSESSION OF TEMPORARY TAGS.

11 SECTION 2. Section 503.067, Transportation Code, is amended
12 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

13 (a-1) A person may not possess an unauthorized temporary
14 tag.

15 SECTION 3. Section 503.094(d), Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (d) An offense involving a violation of:

18 (1) Section 503.067(c) [~~503.067(b) or (c)~~] is a Class
19 C misdemeanor;

20 (2) Section 503.067(a-1) or (b) [~~503.067(d)~~] is a
21 Class A misdemeanor;

22 (3) [~~Section 503.067(a) is a state jail felony, and~~

23 [~~(4)~~] Section 503.067(b) or [~~7~~] (c)[~~7 or (d)~~] is a
24 state jail felony if the person who committed the offense

1 criminally conspired to engage in organized criminal activity; and
2 (4) Section 503.067(a) or (d) is a felony of the third
3 degree.

4 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
6 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
7 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
8 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
9 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
10 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
11 before that date.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.