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H.B. No. 4843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of  
3 unlawful possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 46.04(e), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (e) An offense under Subsection (a) is a felony of the  
8 second [~~third~~] degree with a minimum term of imprisonment of 10  
9 years. An offense under Subsection (a-1), (b), or (c) is a Class A  
10 misdemeanor.

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

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.