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S.B. No. 1653

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the punishment for the offense of promotion of  
3 prostitution.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 43.03(b), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third  
8 degree, except that the offense is:

9 (1) a felony of the second degree if the actor has been  
10 previously convicted of an offense under this section; or

11 (2) a felony of the first degree if the actor engages  
12 in conduct described by Subsection (a)(1) or (2) involving a person  
13 younger than 18 years of age [~~engaging in prostitution~~], regardless  
14 of whether the actor knows the age of the person at the time of the  
15 offense.

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

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