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S.B. No. 1653

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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.