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H.B. No. 1902

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the criminal offense of jugging.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

(3) "Credit services organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 393.001, Finance Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 29, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 29.04 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.04. JUGGING. (a) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to commit theft of another person's money, the person:

(1) targets or observes the other person withdrawing money from an automated teller machine, bank, credit union, or credit services organization; and

(2) subsequently physically follows the other person or causes any person to physically follow the other person.

(b) An offense under this section is a state jail felony, except that the offense is:

(1) a felony of the third degree if, during the commission of the offense, the actor commits an offense under Section 30.04; or

(2) a felony of the first degree if, during the commission of the offense, the actor commits an offense under

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1 Section 29.02 or 29.03.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.