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H.B. No. 2407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the failure of certain sex offenders to comply with sex offender registration requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Articles 62.102(c) and (d), Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

(c) If it is shown at the trial of a person for an offense or an attempt to commit an offense under this article that the person has previously been convicted of an offense or an attempt to commit an offense under this article, the ~~[punishment for the]~~ offense or the attempt to commit the offense is increased to the ~~[punishment for the]~~ next highest category of offense ~~[degree of felony]~~.

(d) If it is shown at the trial of a person for an offense under this article or an attempt to commit an offense under this article that the person fraudulently used identifying information in violation of Section 32.51, Penal Code, during the commission or attempted commission of the offense, the ~~[punishment for the]~~ offense or the attempt to commit the offense is increased to ~~[the punishment for]~~ the next highest category of offense ~~[degree of felony]~~.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
3 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
4 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
5 committed before that date.

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