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S.B. No. 1637

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the offense of deadly conduct.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.05, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, recklessness [~~Recklessness~~] and danger are presumed if the actor knowingly pointed a firearm at or in the direction of another whether or not the actor believed the firearm to be loaded. The presumption under this subsection does not apply to a peace officer engaged in the lawful discharge of the officer's official duties.

(f) Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to a peace officer engaged in the lawful discharge of the officer's official duties.

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

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