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H.B. No. 274

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of harassment by persons  
3 in certain correctional facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.11(a), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (a) A person commits an offense if the person, while  
8 imprisoned or confined in a secure correctional facility or a  
9 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Youth  
10 Commission and with intent to harass, alarm, or annoy another  
11 person, causes the other person to contact the blood, seminal  
12 fluid, vaginal fluid, saliva, urine, or feces of the actor or any  
13 other person.

14 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

15 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an  
16 offense committed on or after September 1, 2003. An offense  
17 committed before September 1, 2003, is covered by the law in effect  
18 when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in  
19 effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this subsection, an  
20 offense was committed before September 1, 2003, if any element of  
21 the offense was committed before that date.