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H.B. No. 616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of terroristic threat.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.07, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) An offense under Subdivision (1) or (2) of Subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor. An offense under Subdivision (3) of Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the actor causes pecuniary loss of \$1,500 or more to the owner of the building, room, place, or conveyance, in which event the offense is a state jail felony. An offense under Subdivision (4) of Subsection (a) is a felony of the third degree.

(c) The amount of pecuniary loss under Subsection (b) is the amount of economic loss suffered by the owner of the building, room, place, or conveyance as a result of the prevention or interruption of the occupation or use of the building, room, place, or conveyance.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

(b) An offense committed before the effective date of this

1 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,  
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.