

1-1 By: Keel, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 616
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2003;
1-3 April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the punishment for the offense of terroristic threat.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 22.07, Penal Code, is amended by
1-11 amending Subsection (b) and by adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-12 follows:

1-13 (b) An offense under Subdivision (1) or (2) of Subsection
1-14 (a) is a Class B misdemeanor. An offense under Subdivision (3) of
1-15 Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the actor causes
1-16 pecuniary loss of \$1,500 or more to the owner of the building, room,
1-17 place, or conveyance, in which event the offense is a state jail
1-18 felony. An offense under Subdivision (4) of Subsection (a) is a
1-19 felony of the third degree.

1-20 (c) The amount of pecuniary loss under Subsection (b) is the
1-21 amount of economic loss suffered by the owner of the building, room,
1-22 place, or conveyance as a result of the prevention or interruption
1-23 of the occupation or use of the building, room, place, or
1-24 conveyance.

1-25 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-26 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-27 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
1-28 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
1-29 before the effective date.

1-30 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-31 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
1-32 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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