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H.B. No. 716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for assaults committed against certain sports officials.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 22.01(c) and (e), Penal Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the ~~an~~ offense ~~[under Subsection (a)(3)]~~ is:

(1) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is [was] committed under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04; or

(2) a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed against a person the actor knows is a sports official either:

(A) while the official is performing duties in the official's capacity as a sports official; or

(B) in retaliation for or on account of the official's performance of a duty within the official's capacity as a sports official.

(e) In this section:

(1) "Family" has the meaning assigned by Section 71.003, Family Code.

(2) "Household" has the meaning assigned by Section

1 71.005, Family Code.

2 (3) "Sports official" means a person who serves in any
3 official capacity with respect to an interscholastic,
4 intercollegiate, or other organized amateur or professional
5 athletic competition and includes a referee, umpire, linesman,
6 coach, instructor, administrator, or staff member.

7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
9 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
10 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
11 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
12 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
13 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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