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H.B. No. 1290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the offense of interference with an emergency telephone
3 call.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.062(d), Penal Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (d) In this section, "emergency" means a condition or
8 circumstance in which any individual is or is reasonably believed
9 by the individual making a telephone call to be in imminent danger
10 of [~~serious~~] bodily injury or in which property is or is reasonably
11 believed by the individual making the telephone call to be in
12 imminent danger of damage or destruction.

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

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