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H.B. No. 1373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalties for making a false bomb threat and  
3 committing an offense involving a hoax bomb.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.06(b), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor  
8 unless the false report is of an emergency involving a public  
9 primary or secondary school, public communications, public  
10 transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public  
11 service, in which event the offense is a felony of the third degree  
12 [~~state jail felony~~].

13 SECTION 2. Section 46.08(b), Penal Code, is amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third  
16 degree [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
18 applies only to an offense committed on or after that date. An  
19 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered  
20 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former  
21 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this  
22 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this  
23 Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.