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H.B. No. 1425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault
3 committed against residents of certain facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.011(b), Penal Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) A sexual assault under Subsection (a)(1) is without the
8 consent of the other person if:

9 (1) the actor compels the other person to submit or
10 participate by the use of physical force or violence;

11 (2) the actor compels the other person to submit or
12 participate by threatening to use force or violence against the
13 other person, and the other person believes that the actor has the
14 present ability to execute the threat;

15 (3) the other person has not consented and the actor
16 knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to
17 resist;

18 (4) the actor knows that as a result of mental disease
19 or defect the other person is at the time of the sexual assault
20 incapable either of appraising the nature of the act or of resisting
21 it;

22 (5) the other person has not consented and the actor
23 knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is
24 occurring;

1 (6) the actor has intentionally impaired the other
2 person's power to appraise or control the other person's conduct by
3 administering any substance without the other person's knowledge;

4 (7) the actor compels the other person to submit or
5 participate by threatening to use force or violence against any
6 person, and the other person believes that the actor has the ability
7 to execute the threat;

8 (8) the actor is a public servant who coerces the other
9 person to submit or participate;

10 (9) the actor is a mental health services provider or a
11 health care services provider who causes the other person, who is a
12 patient or former patient of the actor, to submit or participate by
13 exploiting the other person's emotional dependency on the actor;
14 [~~or~~]

15 (10) the actor is a clergyman who causes the other
16 person to submit or participate by exploiting the other person's
17 emotional dependency on the clergyman in the clergyman's
18 professional character as spiritual adviser; or

19 (11) the actor is an employee of a facility where the
20 other person is a resident, unless the employee and resident are
21 formally or informally married to each other under Chapter 2,
22 Family Code.

23 SECTION 2. Section 22.011(c), Penal Code, is amended by
24 adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

25 (5) "Employee of a facility" means a person who is an
26 employee of a facility defined by Section 250.001, Health and
27 Safety Code, or any other person who provides services for a

1 facility for compensation, including a contract laborer.

2 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

3 (b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an
4 offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
5 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered
6 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former
7 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
8 subsection, an offense was committed before the effective date of
9 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
10 date.