

By: Morrison

H.B. No. 2278

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the applicability of the exception to prosecution for  
3 the offense of Abandoning or Endangering Child.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 22.041, Penal Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (h) It is an exception to the application of Subsection (b)  
8 [~~this section~~] that the actor voluntarily delivered the child to a  
9 designated emergency infant care provider under Section 262.302,  
10 Family Code.

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

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