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H.B. No. 3536

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of making a terroristic threat through electronic communication or other means.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.07, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if by any means, including electronic communication, the person ~~he~~ threatens to commit any offense involving violence to any person or property with intent to:

(1) cause a reaction of any type to the person's ~~his~~ threat by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies;

(2) place any person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or

(3) prevent or interrupt the occupation or use of a building; room; place of assembly; place to which the public has access; place of employment or occupation; school or similar educational institution; aircraft, automobile, or other form of conveyance; or other public place; or

(4) cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water, gas, or power supply or other public service.

1           (c) In this section, "electronic communication" has the  
2           meaning assigned by Section 42.07.

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