

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the punishment prescribed for and conditions of  
3 community supervision imposed on certain persons who commit  
4 intoxication offenses.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 49.09, Penal Code, is amended by adding  
7 Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) An offense under Section 49.04, 49.05, or 49.06 is a  
9 Class A misdemeanor if it is shown on the trial of the offense that  
10 an analysis of a specimen of the person's blood, breath, or urine  
11 showed an alcohol concentration level of 0.15 or more at the time  
12 the analysis was performed.

13 (d) For the purposes of this section, a conviction for an  
14 offense under Article 67011-1, Revised Statutes, as that law  
15 existed before September 1, 1994, Article 67011-2, Revised  
16 Statutes, as that law existed before January 1, 1984, Section  
17 19.05(a)(2), as that law existed before September 1, 1994, or  
18 Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.05, 49.06, 49.065, 49.07, or 49.08 ~~[that~~  
19 ~~occurs on or after September 1, 1994,~~] is a final conviction,  
20 whether the sentence for the conviction is imposed or probated.

21 SECTION 2. Sections 13(a), (b), (c), and (i), Article  
22 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, are amended to read as follows:

23 (a) A judge granting community supervision to a defendant  
24 convicted of an offense under Chapter 49, Penal Code, shall require

1 as a condition of community supervision that the defendant submit  
2 to:

3 (1) not less than 72 hours [~~three days~~] of confinement  
4 in county jail if the defendant was punished under Section  
5 49.09(a);

6 (2) not less than five days of confinement in county  
7 jail if the defendant:

8 (A) was punished under Section 49.09(a) and was  
9 subject to Section 49.09(h); or

10 (B) was punished under Section 49.09(a-1);

11 (3) not less than 10 days of confinement in county jail  
12 if the defendant was punished under Section 49.09(b) [~~or (c)~~];

13 (4) [~~or~~] not less than 30 days of confinement in county  
14 jail if the defendant was punished [~~convicted~~] under Section  
15 49.09(a-1), if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the  
16 defendant has previously been convicted of an offense under Chapter  
17 49; or

18 (5) not less than 120 days of continuous confinement  
19 in county jail if the defendant was convicted under Section 49.07 or  
20 49.08 [~~, and~~

21 [~~(2) an evaluation by a supervision officer or by a~~  
22 ~~person, program, or facility approved by the Texas Commission on~~  
23 ~~Alcohol and Drug Abuse for the purpose of having the facility~~  
24 ~~prescribe and carry out a course of conduct necessary for the~~  
25 ~~rehabilitation of the defendant's drug or alcohol dependence~~  
26 ~~condition].~~

27 (b) A judge granting community supervision to a defendant

1 convicted of an offense under Sections 49.04-49.08 [~~Section 49.08~~],  
2 Penal Code, shall require as a condition of community supervision  
3 that the defendant submit to an evaluation by a supervision officer  
4 or by a person, program, or facility approved by the Texas  
5 Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for the purpose of having the  
6 facility prescribe and carry out a course of conduct necessary for  
7 the rehabilitation of the defendant's drug or alcohol dependence  
8 condition [~~a period of confinement of not less than 120 days~~].

9 (c) If the director of a facility to which a defendant is  
10 referred under Subsection (b) [~~Subdivision (2) of Subsection (a) of~~  
11 ~~this section~~] determines that the defendant is not making a good  
12 faith effort to participate in a program of rehabilitation, the  
13 director shall notify the judge that referred the defendant of that  
14 fact.

15 (i) If a person convicted of an offense under Sections  
16 49.04-49.08, Penal Code, is placed on community supervision, the  
17 court may require as a condition of community supervision that the  
18 defendant have a device installed, on the motor vehicle owned by the  
19 defendant or on the vehicle most regularly driven by the defendant,  
20 that uses a deep-lung breath analysis mechanism to make impractical  
21 the operation of the motor vehicle if ethyl alcohol is detected in  
22 the breath of the operator and that the defendant not operate any  
23 motor vehicle that is not equipped with that device. If the person  
24 is convicted of an offense under Sections 49.04-49.06, Penal Code,  
25 and punished under Section 49.09(a), (a-1), or (b), Penal Code, or  
26 of a second or subsequent offense under Section 49.07 or 49.08,  
27 Penal Code, and the person after conviction of either offense is

1 placed on community supervision, the court shall require as a  
2 condition of community supervision that the defendant have the  
3 device installed on the appropriate vehicle and that the defendant  
4 not operate any motor vehicle unless the vehicle is equipped with  
5 that device. Before placing on community supervision a person  
6 convicted of an offense under Sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code, the  
7 court shall determine from criminal history record information  
8 maintained by the Department of Public Safety whether the person  
9 has one or more previous convictions under Sections 49.04-49.08,  
10 Penal Code, or has one previous conviction under Sections  
11 49.04-49.07, Penal Code, or one previous conviction under Section  
12 49.08, Penal Code. If the court determines that the person has one  
13 or more such previous convictions, the court shall require as a  
14 condition of community supervision that the defendant have that  
15 device installed on the motor vehicle owned by the defendant or on  
16 the vehicle most regularly driven by the defendant and that the  
17 defendant not operate any motor vehicle unless the vehicle is  
18 equipped with the device described in this subsection. The court  
19 shall require the defendant to obtain the device at the defendant's  
20 own cost before the 30th day after the date of conviction unless the  
21 court finds that to do so would not be in the best interest of  
22 justice and enters its findings on record. The court shall require  
23 the defendant to provide evidence to the court within the 30-day  
24 period that the device has been installed on the appropriate  
25 vehicle and order the device to remain installed on that vehicle for  
26 a period not less than 50 percent of the supervision period. If the  
27 court determines the offender is unable to pay for the device, the

1 court may impose a reasonable payment schedule not to exceed twice  
2 the period of the court's order. The Department of Public Safety  
3 shall approve devices for use under this subsection. Section  
4 521.247, Transportation Code, applies to the approval of a device  
5 under this subsection and the consequences of that approval.  
6 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a person is  
7 required to operate a motor vehicle in the course and scope of the  
8 person's employment and if the vehicle is owned by the employer, the  
9 person may operate that vehicle without installation of an approved  
10 ignition interlock device if the employer has been notified of that  
11 driving privilege restriction and if proof of that notification is  
12 with the vehicle. This employment exemption does not apply,  
13 however, if the business entity that owns the vehicle is owned or  
14 controlled by the person whose driving privilege has been  
15 restricted. A previous conviction may not be used for purposes of  
16 restricting a person to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped  
17 with an interlock ignition device under this subsection if:

18 (1) the previous conviction was a final conviction  
19 under Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.05, 49.06, 49.07, or 49.08, Penal  
20 Code, and was for an offense committed more than 10 years before the  
21 instant offense for which the person was convicted and placed on  
22 community supervision; and

23 (2) the person has not been convicted of an offense  
24 under Section 49.04, 49.045, 49.05, 49.06, 49.07, or 49.08 of that  
25 code, committed within 10 years before the date on which the instant  
26 offense for which the person was convicted and placed on community  
27 supervision.

1           SECTION 3. Sections 49.09(e) and (f), Penal Code, are  
2 repealed.

3           SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
4 the penalty or the terms of community supervision for an offense  
5 under Chapter 49, Penal Code, that is committed on or after the  
6 effective date of this Act. The penalty and the terms of community  
7 supervision for an offense under Chapter 49, Penal Code, that was  
8 committed before the effective date of this Act are covered by the  
9 law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is  
10 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,  
11 an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if  
12 any element of the offense was committed before that date.

13           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.