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H.B. No. 79

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of making a false report regarding a missing child or missing person.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.081(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a Class B [~~C~~] misdemeanor.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.