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H.B. No. 714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for criminal simulation committed against an elderly person.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.22(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of the offense that in committing the offense the defendant defrauded or harmed an elderly individual, as that term is defined by Section 22.04.

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 governed 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 was committed before that date.

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