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H.B. No. 1255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an increased penalty for certain privileged parking offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 681.011(d) and (g), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) A person commits an offense if the person uses ~~[lends]~~ a disabled parking placard issued to another ~~[the]~~ person ~~[to a person who uses the placard]~~ in violation of this section. Notwithstanding Subsections (g)-(k), an offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.

(g) Except as provided by Subsections (d) and (h)-(k), an offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$500.

SECTION 2. Section 681.0111(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor. An offense under Subsection (b) is a Class B ~~[C]~~ misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

1 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
2 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.