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H.B. No. 1484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalty for failing to perform certain duties  
3 following a vehicle accident.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 550.022, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop  
9 or does not comply with the requirements of Subsection (a) [~~this~~  
10 ~~section~~]. An offense under this subsection [~~section~~] is:

11 (1) a Class C misdemeanor, if the damage to all  
12 vehicles is less than \$200; or

13 (2) a Class B misdemeanor, if the damage to all  
14 vehicles is \$200 or more.

15 (c-1) A person commits an offense if the person does not  
16 comply with the requirements of Subsection (b). An offense under  
17 this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

18 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
19 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this  
20 Act. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed  
21 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense  
22 occurs before that date.

23 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this  
24 Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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