

1-1 By: Talton (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 1484
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2005;
1-3 May 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 20, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the penalty for failing to perform certain duties
1-9 following a vehicle accident.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 550.022, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop
1-15 or does not comply with the requirements of Subsection (a) [~~this~~
1-16 ~~section~~]. An offense under this subsection [~~section~~] is:

1-17 (1) a Class C misdemeanor, if the damage to all
1-18 vehicles is less than \$200; or

1-19 (2) a Class B misdemeanor, if the damage to all
1-20 vehicles is \$200 or more.

1-21 (c-1) A person commits an offense if the person does not
1-22 comply with the requirements of Subsection (b). An offense under
1-23 this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.

1-24 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-25 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-26 Act. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed
1-27 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
1-28 occurs before that date.

1-29 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-30 Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
1-31 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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