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H.B. No. 1988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for overloading vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 621.506(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable:

(1) by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$150;

(2) on conviction of an offense involving the loading or operating of a vehicle having a single axle weight, tandem axle weight, or gross weight that is more than 5,000 but not more than 10,000 pounds heavier than the vehicle's allowable weight, by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$500;

(3) on conviction of an offense involving the loading or operating of a vehicle having a single axle weight, tandem axle weight, or gross weight that is more than 10,000 pounds heavier than the vehicle's allowable weight, by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000; or

(4) on conviction before the first anniversary of the date of a previous conviction under this section, by a fine in an amount that is twice the amount specified by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

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