

AN ACT

relating to the criminal penalty for violating certain statutes enforceable by, or ordinances, rules, or regulations of, navigation districts or port authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 60.078, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 60.078. PENALTIES. A violation of this subchapter or of an ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted by a district under this subchapter is a misdemeanor, and the commission may provide for the punishment of the misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$500 [~~\$200~~] for each offense or violation.

SECTION 2. (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.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2966 was passed by the House on May 3, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2966 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor