

1-1 By: Seaman (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2966
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2005;
1-3 May 5, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 21, 2005, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the criminal penalty for violating certain statutes
1-9 enforceable by, or ordinances, rules, or regulations of, navigation
1-10 districts or port authorities.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 60.078, Water Code, is amended to read as
1-13 follows:

1-14 Sec. 60.078. PENALTIES. A violation of this subchapter or
1-15 of an ordinance, rule, or regulation adopted by a district under
1-16 this subchapter is a misdemeanor, and the commission may provide
1-17 for the punishment of the misdemeanor by a fine of not more than
1-18 \$500 [~~\$200~~] for each offense or violation.

1-19 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-20 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-21 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
1-22 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
1-23 before that date.

1-24 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-25 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
1-26 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-27 purpose.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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