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S.B. No. 206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of trafficking of persons.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20A.02(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An ~~[Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an]~~ offense under Subsection (a)(1) ~~[this section]~~ is a felony of the second degree, except that the offense is a felony of the first degree if the commission of the offense results in the death of the person who is trafficked. An offense under Subsection (a)(2) ~~[this section]~~ is a felony of the first degree ~~[if:~~

~~[(1) the offense is committed under Subsection (a)(2) and the person who is trafficked is younger than 14 years of age at the time of the offense, or~~

~~[(2) the commission of the offense results in the death of the person who is trafficked].~~

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense that is committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense

1 was committed before that date.

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