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H.B. No. 1840

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the punishment for failing to stop following a motor
3 vehicle accident.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Sarah Kathryn
6 Thompson Act.

7 SECTION 2. Section 550.021(c), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop
10 or does not comply with the requirements of this section. An
11 offense under this section:

12 (1) involving an accident resulting in death of or
13 serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a
14 person is a felony of the third degree; and

15 (2) involving an accident resulting in injury to which
16 Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:

17 (A) [~~(1)~~] imprisonment in the [~~institutional~~
18 division of the] Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not more
19 than five years or confinement in the county jail for not more than
20 one year;

21 (B) [~~(2)~~] a fine not to exceed \$5,000; or

22 (C) [~~(3)~~] both the fine and the imprisonment or
23 confinement.

24 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies

1 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
2 Act. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed
3 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
4 occurs before that date.

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

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.