

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1840 was passed by the House on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1840 was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor