

1-1 By: Bonnen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 1840
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; April 24, 2007, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 24, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the punishment for failing to stop following a motor
1-10 vehicle accident.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Sarah Kathryn
1-13 Thompson Act.

1-14 SECTION 2. Section 550.021(c), Transportation Code, is
1-15 amended to read as follows:

1-16 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop
1-17 or does not comply with the requirements of this section. An
1-18 offense under this section:

1-19 (1) involving an accident resulting in death of or
1-20 serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a
1-21 person is a felony of the third degree; and

1-22 (2) involving an accident resulting in injury to which
1-23 Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:

1-24 (A) [~~(1)~~] imprisonment in the [~~institutional~~
1-25 division of the] Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not more
1-26 than five years or confinement in the county jail for not more than
1-27 one year;

1-28 (B) [~~(2)~~] a fine not to exceed \$5,000; or

1-29 (C) [~~(3)~~] both the fine and the imprisonment or
1-30 confinement.

1-31 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
1-32 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
1-33 Act. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed
1-34 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
1-35 occurs before that date.

1-36 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
1-37 Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
1-38 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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