

By: Gattis

H.B. No. 2907

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalty for operation of a motor vehicle in
3 violation of financial responsibility requirements.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 601.191(b) and (c), Transportation
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection [~~Subsections~~] (c) [~~and~~
8 ~~(d)~~], an offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor
9 [~~punishable by a fine of not less than \$175 or more than \$350~~].

10 (c) If it is shown on trial of an offense under this section
11 that the defendant [a person] has been previously convicted of an
12 offense under this section or that the defendant was operating a
13 motor vehicle in violation of Section 601.051 at the time the
14 defendant caused a motor vehicle accident, an offense under this
15 section is a Class B misdemeanor [~~punishable by a fine of not less~~
16 ~~than \$350 or more than \$1,000~~].

17 SECTION 2. Section 601.195(b), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
20 punishable by:

21 (1) a fine not to exceed \$2,000 [~~\$500~~];

22 (2) confinement in county jail for a term not to exceed
23 six months; or

24 (3) both the fine and the confinement.

1 SECTION 3. Section 601.191(d), Transportation Code, is
2 repealed.

3 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
4 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this
5 Act. For the purposes of this section, an offense is committed
6 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
7 occurs before that date.

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

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.