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H.B. No. 2953

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enhancing the penalty for online solicitation of a minor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 33.021(f), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) An offense under Subsection (b) is a state jail felony, and an offense under Subsection (c) is a felony of the second ~~[third]~~ degree, except that an offense under Subsection (b) ~~[or (c)]~~ is a felony of the second degree and an offense under Subsection (c) is a felony of the first degree if the minor is younger than 14 years of age or is an individual whom the actor believes to be younger than 14 years of age.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act in amending Section 33.021, Penal Code, applies only to an offense 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 when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For the purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.