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H.B. No. 3256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for driving while intoxicated.

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

SECTION 1. Section 708.102(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each year the department may [~~shall~~] assess a surcharge on the license of each person who during the preceding 36-month period has been finally convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

SECTION 2. Section 13, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a judge may require as a condition of community supervision any period of confinement or any treatment program. After a year and successful completion of all parole conditions, a judge may reduce the level of the original charge.

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