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H.B. No. 3371

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for the offense of compelling prostitution.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.05, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.05. COMPELLING PROSTITUTION. (a) A person commits an offense if the person [~~he~~] knowingly:

(1) causes another by force, threat, or fraud to commit prostitution; or

(2) causes by any means a person younger than 18 [~~17~~] years to commit prostitution, regardless of whether the actor knew the age of the person at the time the offense was committed.

(b) An offense under Subsection (a)(1) [~~this section~~] is a felony of the second degree. An offense under Subsection (a)(2) is a felony of the first degree.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act 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 governed 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 is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense is committed before that date.

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