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H.B. No. 3504

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalty for driving a motor vehicle on a highway
3 without a valid driver's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsections (e) and (f), Section 521.457,
6 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (e) Except as provided by Subsection (f) or (g), an offense
8 under this section is a Class C misdemeanor [~~punishable by:~~

9 [~~(1) a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500,~~
10 ~~and~~

11 [~~(2) confinement in county jail for a term of not less~~
12 ~~than 72 hours or more than six months]~~.

13 (f) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
14 section that the person has previously been convicted of an offense
15 under this section or an offense under Section 601.371(a), as that
16 law existed before September 1, 2003, the offense is a Class B [~~A~~]
17 misdemeanor.

18 (g) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this
19 section that the license of the person was suspended or revoked as a
20 result of a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the
21 influence of an intoxicating substance, the offense is a Class B
22 misdemeanor.

23 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
24 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this

1 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before
2 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs
3 before that date.

4 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this
5 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,
6 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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