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H.B. No. 3888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for driving with an invalid license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.457, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (e) and (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

(f-1) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that the person has previously been convicted twice or more of an offense under this section or an offense under Section 601.371(a), as that law existed before September 1, 2003, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2007.

1 (b) An offense committed before September 1, 2007, is
2 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
4 this section, an offense was committed before September 1, 2007, if
5 any element of the offense was committed before that date.

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