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H.B. No. 124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the punishment for the offense of employment harmful to  
3 children.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 43.251(c), Penal Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,  
8 unless it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant  
9 has previously been convicted under this section, in which event  
10 the offense is a felony of the third degree.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to  
12 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
13 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered  
14 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former  
15 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this  
16 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this  
17 Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.