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H.B. No. 358

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to criminal offenses applicable to gambling and gambling devices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4-a) to read as follows:

(4-a) "Device" or "contrivance" means all or part of an electronic, electromechanical, or mechanical contrivance, machine, or apparatus.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

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

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