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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the general penalty for violation of a traffic law of
- 3 this state.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 542.401, Transportation Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 542.401. GENERAL PENALTY. A person convicted of an
- 8 offense that is a misdemeanor under this subtitle for which another
- 9 penalty is not provided shall be punished by a fine of not less than
- 10 \$1 or more than \$500 [ $\frac{$200}{}$ ].
- 11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 12 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 13 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
- 14 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed. For
- 15 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
- 16 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
- 17 before that date.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.