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H.B. No. 1248

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the criminal consequences of a failure to pay the  
3 surcharge assessed on a person's driver's license under the driver  
4 responsibility program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 708.152, Transportation Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) A person commits an offense if the person fails to pay or  
9 enter into an installment payment agreement with the department to  
10 pay the amount of a surcharge on the person's license. Each failure  
11 to pay or enter into an agreement to pay the amount of a surcharge is  
12 a separate offense. An offense under this subsection is a  
13 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
15 to a surcharge that is assessed by the Texas Department of Public  
16 Safety on a person's driver's license on or after the effective date  
17 of this Act. A surcharge that was assessed on a person's driver's  
18 license before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law  
19 in effect when the Texas Department of Public Safety assessed the  
20 surcharge, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
21 purpose.

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