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H.B. No. 2240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating an offense for serial domestic violence.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 25.11 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.11. SERIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person, on more than one occasion within a 12-month period and pursuant to the same scheme or course of conduct that is directed specifically at another person or persons whose relationship to or association with the defendant is described by Section 71.0021(b), 71.003, or 71.005, Family Code, engages in conduct that results in bodily injury to the other person or persons.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree.

(c) If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another section of this code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or both sections.

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

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1 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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