

By: Miller of Erath

H.B. No. 2341

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to minimum liability insurance coverage amounts for
3 persons convicted of offenses related to the operation of a motor
4 vehicle while intoxicated.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 601.072, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsections (a-2) and (a-3) to read as follows:

8 (a-2) A person convicted of an offense relating to the
9 operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated must maintain, in
10 addition to the minimum coverage required by this section,
11 additional liability insurance coverage to establish financial
12 responsibility under this chapter. The amount of liability
13 coverage required increases by \$25,000 for each conviction.

14 (a-3) In this section, "offense relating to the operating of
15 a motor vehicle while intoxicated" has the meaning assigned by
16 Section 49.09, Penal Code.

17 SECTION 2. Section 601.072, Transportation Code, as amended
18 by this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the
19 effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the
20 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect
21 immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in
22 effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense
23 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element
24 of the offense occurred before that date.

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