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H.B. No. 2467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of a playground for purposes of certain places protected from certain criminal activities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.134(a)(3), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Playground" means any outdoor facility that is not on the premises of a school and that:

(A) is intended for recreation;

(B) is open to the public; and

(C) contains three or more play stations ~~[separate apparatus]~~ intended for the recreation of children, such as slides, swing sets, and teeterboards.

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 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

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