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S.B. No. 330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for unlawful carrying of weapons.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.02, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1) or (c), an offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b-1) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an offense under this section is a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the person has previously been convicted of an offense under Chapter 71.

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.