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S.B. No. 583

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.153, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this section that as a result of the commission of the offense an accident causing injury to or the death of a pedestrian occurred:

(1) the minimum fine applicable to the offense is twice the minimum fine that would otherwise be applicable to the offense; and

(2) the maximum fine applicable to the offense is twice the maximum fine that would otherwise be applicable to the offense.

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

(b) 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.

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