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S.B. No. 710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the punishment for the offense of employment harmful to  
3 children.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 43.251, Penal Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,  
8 unless it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant  
9 has previously been convicted of an offense under this section, in  
10 which event the offense is a felony of the third degree.

11 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
12 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
13 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
14 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
15 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
16 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
17 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that  
18 date.

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