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S.B. No. 1176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment prescribed for the offense of evading  
arrest or detention.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 38.04, Penal Code, is  
amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A [~~B~~]  
misdemeanor, except that the offense is:

(1) a state jail felony if:

(A) the actor has been previously convicted under  
this section; or

(B) the actor uses a vehicle while the actor is in  
flight and the actor has not been previously convicted under this  
section;

(2) a felony of the third degree if:

(A) the actor uses a vehicle while the actor is in  
flight and the actor has been previously convicted under this  
section; or

(B) another suffers serious bodily injury as a  
direct result of an attempt by the officer from whom the actor is  
fleeing to apprehend the actor while the actor is in flight; or

(3) a felony of the second degree if another suffers  
death as a direct result of an attempt by the officer from whom the  
actor is fleeing to apprehend the actor while the actor is in

1 flight.

2       SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
4 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
5 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
6 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
7 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
8 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that  
9 date.

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