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S.B. No. 1681

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the corroboration of certain testimony to support a criminal conviction.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 38.075 to read as follows:

Art. 38.075. CORROBORATION OF CERTAIN TESTIMONY REQUIRED.

(a) A defendant may not be convicted of an offense on the testimony of a person to whom the defendant made a statement against the defendant's interest during a time when the person was imprisoned or confined in the same correctional facility as the defendant unless the testimony is corroborated by other evidence tending to connect the defendant with the offense committed. In this subsection, "correctional facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

(b) Corroboration is not sufficient for the purposes of this article if the corroboration only shows that the offense was committed.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to any case in which a judgment has not been entered before the effective date of this Act. A case in which a judgment has been entered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the judgment was entered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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