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H.B. No. 509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty for the offense of reckless driving.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.401(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by:

(1) a fine not to exceed \$500 [~~\$200~~];

(2) confinement in county jail for not more than 30 days; or

(3) both the fine and the confinement.

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, 2011.