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H.B. No. 718

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the period in which a person commits the offense of funeral service disruption.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.055(b), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person commits an offense if, during the period beginning three hours [~~one hour~~] before the service begins and ending three hours [~~one hour~~] after the service is completed, the person engages in picketing within 1,000 feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a funeral service.

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 governed by the law in effect on the date 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 occurred before that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.