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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to minimum liability insurance coverage amounts for persons convicted of offenses related to the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

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

SECTION 1. Section 601.072, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-2) and (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-2) A person convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated must maintain, in addition to the minimum coverage required by this section, additional motor vehicle liability insurance coverage to establish financial responsibility under this chapter. The amounts of liability coverage required increase by \$25,000 for each conviction.

(a-3) In this section, "offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated" has the meaning assigned by Section 49.09, Penal Code.

SECTION 2. Section 601.072, Transportation Code, as amended 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 immediately before that date, 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

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1 of the offense occurred before that date.

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