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H.B. No. 1213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to increasing the penalty for the offense of leaving the
3 scene of an accident that involves personal injury or death.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 550.021(c), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not stop
8 or does not comply with the requirements of this section. An
9 offense under this section[+

10 [~~(1) involving an accident resulting in death of or~~
11 ~~serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a~~
12 ~~person]~~ is a felony of the third degree[, and

13 [~~(2) involving an accident resulting in injury to~~
14 ~~which Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:~~

15 [~~(A) imprisonment in the Texas Department of~~
16 ~~Criminal Justice for not more than five years or confinement in the~~
17 ~~county jail for not more than one year,~~

18 [~~(B) a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or~~

19 [~~(C) both the fine and the imprisonment or~~
20 ~~confinement].~~

21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
22 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
23 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
24 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,

1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
2 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
3 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
4 before that date.

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