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H.B. No. 1471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the penalty prescribed for official oppression.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.03, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the person:

(1) causes bodily injury to another, in which event it is a felony of the third degree; or

(2) causes serious bodily injury to another, in which event it is a felony of the second degree.

(e) If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another section of this code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or both sections.

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 occurred before that date.

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