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H.B. No. 72

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the penalty for the offense of leaving the scene of an
3 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:
11 (A) death of a person is a felony of the second
12 degree; or

13 (B) serious bodily injury, as defined by Section
14 1.07, Penal Code, to a person is a felony of the third degree; and

15 (2) involving an accident resulting in injury to which
16 Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:

17 (A) imprisonment in the Texas Department of
18 Criminal Justice for not more than five years or confinement in the
19 county jail for not more than one year;

20 (B) a fine not to exceed \$5,000; or

21 (C) both the fine and the imprisonment or
22 confinement.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.