

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility for release on parole of inmates
3 convicted of compelling prostitution or trafficking of persons.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 508.145(d)(1), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense
8 described by Section 3g(a)(1)(A), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H),
9 (I), (J), [~~or~~] (K), (L), or (M), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal
10 Procedure, or for an offense for which the judgment contains an
11 affirmative finding under Section 3g(a)(2) of that article, or for
12 an offense under Section 20A.03, Penal Code, is not eligible for
13 release on parole until the inmate's actual calendar time served,
14 without consideration of good conduct time, equals one-half of the
15 sentence or 30 calendar years, whichever is less, but in no event is
16 the inmate eligible for release on parole in less than two calendar
17 years.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to a person serving a sentence for an offense committed on or after
20 the effective date of this Act. A person serving a sentence for an
21 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
22 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
23 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
24 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of

1 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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