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H.B. No. 720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enhancing the penalty for intoxication manslaughter and
intoxication assault in certain circumstances.

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

SECTION 1. Section 49.09, Penal Code, is amended by adding
Subsection (b-5) to read as follows:

(b-5) An offense under Section 49.07 or 49.08 relating to
the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated is increased to
the next higher category of offense if it is shown on the trial of
the offense that, at the time of causing serious bodily injury or
death, the person did not:

(1) immediately stop the person's motor vehicle at the
scene of the accident or as close to the scene as possible;

(2) contact or cause to be contacted emergency medical
services or law enforcement personnel, if possible; and

(3) remain on the scene until the arrival of emergency
medical services or law enforcement personnel or other first
responders.

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
governed by the law in effect on the date 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

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

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