AN ACT

relating to the penalties for illegally passing a stopped school bus.

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

SECTION 1. Section 545.066(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $500 [~~$200~~] or more than $1,250 [~~$1,000~~], except that the offense is:

(1) a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than $1,000 or more than $2,000 if the person is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section committed within five years of the date on which the most recent preceding offense was committed;

(2) a Class A misdemeanor if the person causes serious bodily injury to another; or

(3) [~~(2)~~] a state jail felony if the person has been previously convicted under Subdivision (2) [~~(1)~~].

SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2013.

(b) An offense committed before September 1, 2013, 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 subsection, an offense was committed before September 1, 2013,

if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1174 was passed by the House on May 10, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1174 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

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Governor