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H.B. No. 1425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the definition of property for purposes of the offense of stalking.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.072(d), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) In this section:

(1) "Dating [~~,"~~ ~~"dating~~] relationship," "family," "household," and "member of a household" have the meanings assigned by Chapter 71, Family Code.

(2) "Property" includes a pet, companion animal, or assistance animal, as defined by Section 121.002, Human Resources Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.