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H.B. No. 1919

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the defenses to prosecution of certain gambling
3 offenses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 47.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Subdivision (6-a) and amending Subdivision (8) to read as follows:

7 (6-a) "Internet private place" means an Internet
8 website page, including an Internet website page that is accessible
9 only through the use of a private password, to which the public does
10 not have access.

11 (8) "Private place" means a place to which the public
12 does not have access, and excludes, among other places, streets,
13 highways, restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, schools, hospitals,
14 and the common areas of apartment houses, hotels, motels, office
15 buildings, transportation facilities, and shops. The term includes
16 an Internet private place.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
19 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
20 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
21 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes
22 of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date
23 of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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