By: Toth H.B. No. 2809

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2809:

By: Herrero C.S.H.B. No. 2809

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the imposition of a sentence of life without parole on

- 3 certain repeat sex offenders.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Sections 12.42(b) and (d), Penal Code, as
- 6 amended by Chapters 834 (H.B. 3384) and 1119 (H.B. 3), Acts of the
- 7 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, are reenacted to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c)(2) or (c)(4), if it
- 10 is shown on the trial of a felony of the second degree that the
- 11 defendant has previously been finally convicted of a felony other
- 12 than a state jail felony punishable under Section 12.35(a), on
- 13 conviction the defendant shall be punished for a felony of the first
- 14 degree.
- (d) Except as provided by Subsection (c)(2) or (c)(4), if it
- 16 is shown on the trial of a felony offense other than a state jail
- 17 felony punishable under Section 12.35(a) that the defendant has
- 18 previously been finally convicted of two felony offenses, and the
- 19 second previous felony conviction is for an offense that occurred
- 20 subsequent to the first previous conviction having become final, on
- 21 conviction the defendant shall be punished by imprisonment in the
- 22 Texas Department of Criminal Justice for life, or for any term of
- 23 not more than 99 years or less than 25 years. A previous conviction
- 24 for a state jail felony punishable under Section 12.35(a) may not be

- 1 used for enhancement purposes under this subsection.
- 2 SECTION 2. Section 12.42(c)(4), Penal Code, as amended by
- 3 Chapters 122 (H.B. 3000) and 1119 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 82nd
- 4 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 (4) Notwithstanding Subdivision (1) or (2), and except
- 7 as provided by Subdivision (3) for the trial of an offense under
- 8 Section 22.021 as described by that subdivision, a defendant shall
- 9 be punished by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal
- 10 Justice for life without parole if it is shown on the trial of \underline{an}
- 11 offense under Section 20A.03 or of a sexually violent [an] offense
- 12 [under Section 21.02 or 22.021] that the defendant has previously
- 13 been finally convicted of:
- 14 (A) an offense under Section 20A.03 or of a
- 15 sexually violent [an] offense [under Section 21.02 or 22.021]; or
- 16 (B) an offense that was committed under the laws
- 17 of another state and that contains elements that are substantially
- 18 similar to the elements of an offense under Section 20A.03 or of a
- 19 sexually violent [an] offense [under Section 21.02 or 22.021].
- SECTION 3. Section 12.42, Penal Code, is amended by adding
- 21 Subsection (h) to read as follows:
- (h) In this section, "sexually violent offense" means:
- 23 <u>(1) an offense under:</u>
- 24 (A) Section 21.02 (continuous sexual abuse of a
- 25 young child or children);
- 26 (B) Section 22.021 (aggravated sexual assault);
- 27 (C) Section 20A.02(a)(3), (4), (7), or (8) (sex

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   trafficking);
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                    (D)
                         Section 21.11(a)(1) (indecency with
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   child);
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                    (E) Section 22.011 (sexual assault); or
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                    (F) Section 43.25 (sexual performance by a child)
   under the age of 14;
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               (2) an offense under Section 20.04(a)(4) (aggravated
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   kidnapping), if the defendant committed the offense with intent to
   violate or abuse the victim sexually;
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               (3) an offense under Section 30.02 (burglary), if the
   offense is punishable under Subsection (d) of that section and the
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   defendant committed the offense with intent to commit an offense
   under Section 21.11(a)(2) (indecency with a child) or 25.02
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    (prohibited sexual conduct) or a felony listed in Subdivision (1)
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   or (2) of this subsection; or
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               (4) an offense under the laws of another state,
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   federal law, the laws of a foreign country, or the Uniform Code of
   Military Justice, if the offense contains elements that are
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   substantially similar to the elements of an offense listed under
   <u>Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).</u>
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          SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act in amending
   Section 12.42, Penal Code, applies only to an offense committed on
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   or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed
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   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
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   continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section,
   an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if
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- 1 any element of the offense occurred before that date.
- 2 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
- 3 over another Act of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013,
- 4 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
- 5 codes.
- 6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.