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H.B. No. 2898

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of victim for the purpose of restitution
3 liens.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1(4), Article 42.22, Code of Criminal
6 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

7 (4) "Victim" means:

8 (A) a "close relative of a deceased victim," "guardian
9 of a victim," or "victim," as those terms are defined by Article
10 56.01 of this code; ~~or~~

11 (B) an individual who suffers damages as a result of
12 another committing an offense under Section 38.04, Penal Code, in
13 which the defendant used a motor vehicle while the defendant was in
14 flight; or

15 (C) an individual who suffers financial damages as a
16 result of another committing a felony offense under Title 7, Penal
17 Code.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to a victim of a criminal offense committed on or after the
20 effective date of this Act. A victim of a criminal offense
21 committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
22 law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former
23 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
24 section, a criminal offense was committed before the effective date

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

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