House Bill 1294

Senate Amendments

Section-by-Section Analysis

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SECTION 1. Section 545.412(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than [\$25 for the first offense and not more than] \$250 [for a second or subsequent offense].

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 545.4121, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 545.4121. <u>DISMISSAL</u> [DEFENSE]; <u>OBTAINING</u> [POSSESSION OF] CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT SYSTEM.

SECTION 3. Section 545.4121(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) It is a defense to prosecution of an offense to which this section applies that the defendant provides to the court evidence satisfactory to the court that:

(1) at the time of the offense:

(A) the defendant was not arrested or issued a citation for violation of any other offense;

(B) the defendant did not possess a child passenger safety seat system in the vehicle; and

(C) the vehicle the defendant was operating was not involved in an accident; and

(2) subsequent to the time of the offense, the defendant obtained [the defendant possesses] an appropriate child passenger safety seat system for each child required to be secured in a child passenger safety seat system under Section 545.412(a).

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies

SECTION ____. Section 545.412(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less [more] than \$25 [for the first offense] and not more than \$250 [for a second or subsequent offense]. [FA1,3rd]

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

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only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed 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 continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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SECTION 4. Same as House version.