

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the punishment of certain sexual offenses committed in
3 a disaster area or an evacuated area.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections [12.50\(b\)](#) and (c), Penal Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The increase in punishment authorized by this section
8 applies only to an offense under:

- 9 (1) Section [21.11](#);
- 10 (2) Section [22.01](#);
- 11 (3) Section [22.011](#);
- 12 (4) Section [22.04](#);
- 13 (5) Section [22.041](#);
- 14 (6) [~~(2)~~] Section [29.02](#);
- 15 (7) [~~(3)~~] Section [30.02](#); ~~and~~
- 16 (8) [~~(4)~~] Section [31.03](#);
- 17 (9) Section [33.021](#);
- 18 (10) Section [43.25](#);
- 19 (11) Section [43.26](#); and
- 20 (12) Section [43.261](#).

21 (c) If an offense listed under Subsection (b)(2), (8), or
22 (12) [~~(b)(1) or (4)~~] is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor, the
23 minimum term of confinement for the offense is increased to 180
24 days. If an offense listed under Subsection (b)(3), ~~[or]~~ (4), (7),

1 (8), or (10) is punishable as a felony of the first degree, the
2 punishment for that offense may not be increased under this
3 section.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
6 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
7 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
8 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
9 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
10 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
11 before that date.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.