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H.B. No. 3020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the offense of passing a school bus; increasing a fine.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 545.066(c) and (d), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$750 [~~\$500~~] or more than \$1,250, except that the offense is:

(1) a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000 if the person is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section committed within five years of the date on which the most recent preceding offense was committed;

(2) a Class A misdemeanor if the person causes serious bodily injury to another; or

(3) a state jail felony if the person has been previously convicted under Subdivision (2).

(d) The court shall [~~may~~] order that the driver's license of a person convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section be suspended for not longer than six months beginning on the date of conviction. In this subsection, "driver's license" has the meaning assigned by Chapter 521.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An

1 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
2 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
4 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
5 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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