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H.B. No. 4019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the operation of a sports betting website and the
3 placement of a bet through a sports betting website; creating a
4 criminal offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 47, Penal Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 47.045 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 47.045. OPERATING SPORTS BETTING WEBSITE. (a) A
9 person commits an offense if the person knowingly operates an
10 Internet website that allows the user to make through use of the
11 website a bet on the outcome of a sporting event or on participation
12 in a competition based on the performance of the players in a
13 sporting event or series of sporting events.

14 (b) A person who makes a bet through use of an Internet
15 website described by Subsection (a) commits an offense under
16 Section 47.02(a)(1).

17 (c) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class A
18 misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.