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H.B. No. 1666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to increasing the punishment for the offense of aggravated
3 promotion of prostitution.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 43.04(b), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second
8 [~~third~~] degree, except that the offense is a felony of the first
9 degree if the prostitution enterprise uses as a prostitute one or
10 more persons younger than 18 years of age, regardless of whether the
11 actor knows the age of the person at the time of [~~the actor commits~~]
12 the offense.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
18 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
19 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
20 before that date.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.