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H.B. No. 1739

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the concurrent jurisdiction of the attorney general to prosecute the offense of barratry and solicitation of professional employment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.12, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) The attorney general has concurrent jurisdiction with the appropriate local county or district attorney to prosecute an offense under this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the prosecution of an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. The prosecution of 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 is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

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