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H.B. No. 1751

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to increasing the punishment for assault committed against
3 a peace officer.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

7 (b-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(1), an offense under
8 Subsection (a)(1) is a felony of the second degree if the offense is
9 committed against a person the actor knows is a peace officer while
10 the officer is lawfully discharging an official duty or in
11 retaliation or on account of an exercise of official power or
12 performance of an official duty as a peace officer.

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.