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relating to common nuisances.

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

SECTION 1. Section 125.0015(a), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who maintains a place to which persons habitually go for the following purposes and who knowingly tolerates the activity and furthermore fails to make reasonable attempts to abate the activity maintains a common nuisance:

(1) discharge of a firearm in a public place as prohibited by the Penal Code;

(2) reckless discharge of a firearm as prohibited by the Penal Code;

(3) engaging in organized criminal activity as a member of a combination as prohibited by the Penal Code;

(4) delivery, possession, manufacture, or use of a ~~controlled~~ substance or other item in violation of Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code;

(5) gambling, gambling promotion, or communicating gambling information as prohibited by the Penal Code;

(6) prostitution, promotion of prostitution, or aggravated promotion of prostitution as prohibited by the Penal Code;

(7) compelling prostitution as prohibited by the Penal

- 1 Code;
- 2 (8) commercial manufacture, commercial distribution,  
3 or commercial exhibition of obscene material as prohibited by the  
4 Penal Code;
- 5 (9) aggravated assault as described by Section 22.02,  
6 Penal Code;
- 7 (10) sexual assault as described by Section 22.011,  
8 Penal Code;
- 9 (11) aggravated sexual assault as described by Section  
10 22.021, Penal Code;
- 11 (12) robbery as described by Section 29.02, Penal  
12 Code;
- 13 (13) aggravated robbery as described by Section 29.03,  
14 Penal Code;
- 15 (14) unlawfully carrying a weapon as described by  
16 Section 46.02, Penal Code;
- 17 (15) murder as described by Section 19.02, Penal Code;
- 18 (16) capital murder as described by Section 19.03,  
19 Penal Code;
- 20 (17) continuous sexual abuse of young child or  
21 children as described by Section 21.02, Penal Code;
- 22 (18) massage therapy or other massage services in  
23 violation of Chapter 455, Occupations Code;
- 24 (19) employing a minor at a sexually oriented business  
25 as defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code;
- 26 (20) trafficking of persons as described by Section  
27 20A.02, Penal Code;

1           (21) sexual conduct or performance by a child as  
2 described by Section 43.25, Penal Code; [~~or~~]

3           (22) employment harmful to a child as described by  
4 Section 43.251, Penal Code;

5           (23) criminal trespass as described by Section 30.05,  
6 Penal Code;

7           (24) disorderly conduct as described by Section 42.01,  
8 Penal Code;

9           (25) arson as described by Section 28.02, Penal Code;

10           (26) criminal mischief as described by Section 28.03,  
11 Penal Code, that causes a pecuniary loss of \$500 or more; or

12           (27) a graffiti offense in violation of Section 28.08,  
13 Penal Code.

14           SECTION 2. Section 125.046(a), Civil Practice and Remedies  
15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

16           (a) If, in any judicial proceeding under Subchapter A, a  
17 court determines that a person is maintaining a vacant lot, vacant  
18 or abandoned building, or multiunit residential property that is a  
19 common nuisance, the court may, on its own motion or on the motion  
20 of any party, order the appointment of a receiver to manage the  
21 property or render any other order allowed by law as necessary to  
22 abate the nuisance.

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