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S.B. No. 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with a governmental record; increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.10(c), Penal Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided by Subdivisions (2), (3), ~~and~~ (4), and (5) and by Subsection (d), an offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor unless the actor's intent is to defraud or harm another, in which event the offense is a state jail felony.

(5) An offense under this section is a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the governmental record was a payroll document requesting payment of compensation to a state officer or employee.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. 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 was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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