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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the act of inciting suicide; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1.  Sec. 22.08, Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A person commits an offense if, with intent to promote or assist the commission of suicide by another, he incites, aids, or attempts to aid the other to commit or attempt to commit suicide.

(b)  An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor unless the actor's conduct causes suicide or attempted suicide that results in serious bodily injury, in which event the offense is a state jail felony.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.