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H.B. No. 2823

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal punishment for assault committed against certain sports participants.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.01(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is

~~(1)~~ a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed:

(1) under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04;

~~(2) [a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed]~~ by any [a] person, other than [who is not] a sports participant who is an athlete younger than 19 years of age, against another [a] person the actor knows is a sports participant either:

(A) while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

(B) in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

~~(3) [a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is~~

1 ~~committed~~] against a pregnant individual to force the individual to
2 have an abortion.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
7 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
8 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
10 before that date.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.