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H.B. No. 4020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to offenses involving leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

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

SECTION 1. Section 550.021(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person commits an offense if the person does not [~~stop or does not~~] comply with the requirements of this section. An offense under this section:

(1) involving an accident resulting in:

(A) death of a person is a felony of the second degree; or

(B) serious bodily injury, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a person is a felony of the third degree; and

(2) involving an accident resulting in injury to which Subdivision (1) does not apply is punishable by:

(A) imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for not more than five years or confinement in the county jail for not more than one year;

(B) a fine not to exceed \$5,000; or

(C) both the fine and the imprisonment or confinement.

SECTION 2. Section 550.022(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (c) A person commits an offense if the person does not [~~stop~~
2 ~~or does not~~] comply with the requirements of Subsection (a). An
3 offense under this subsection is:

4 (1) a Class C misdemeanor, if the damage to all
5 vehicles is less than \$200; or

6 (2) a Class B misdemeanor, if the damage to all
7 vehicles is \$200 or more.

8 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
9 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
10 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
11 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
12 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
13 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
14 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.