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H.B. No. 4341

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to increasing criminal penalties for the offense of making  
3 a firearm accessible to a child.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 46.13(d) and (e), Penal Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), an offense under  
8 this section is a Class B [~~C~~] misdemeanor.

9 (e) An offense under this section is a state jail felony  
10 [~~Class A misdemeanor~~] if the child discharges the firearm and  
11 causes death or serious bodily injury to the child [~~himself~~] or  
12 another person.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
16 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
17 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
18 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
19 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
20 before that date.

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