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H.B. No. 4501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the act of inciting suicide; creating a criminal
3 offense.

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

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

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

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

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