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H.B. No. 4602

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of organized
3 retail theft.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.16(b), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (b) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to
8 facilitate the redistribution of retail merchandise, the person
9 [~~intentionally~~] conducts, promotes, or facilitates an activity in
10 which the person receives, possesses, conceals, stores, barter,
11 sells, or disposes of:

12 (1) stolen retail merchandise; or

13 (2) merchandise explicitly represented to the person
14 as being stolen retail merchandise.

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

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