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S.B. No. 831

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with an
3 electronic monitoring device.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 38.112 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 38.112. TAMPERING WITH ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE.

8 (a) A person who is required to submit to electronic monitoring of
9 the person's location as a condition of release on parole or to
10 mandatory supervision commits an offense if the person knowingly
11 removes or disables a tracking device that the person is required to
12 wear to enable the electronic monitoring of the person's location.

13 (b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor
14 except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person:

15 (1) is required as a condition of release on parole or
16 to mandatory supervision to report to a parole officer as defined by
17 Section 508.001, Government Code; and

18 (2) after removing or disabling the tracking device,
19 knowingly fails to report as required on two consecutive occasions.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.