By:  Crockett H.B. No. 3875

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to narrowing the definition of the offense of compelling prostitution.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 43.05(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.05.  COMPELLING PROSTITUTION.

(a)  A person commits an offense if the person knowingly:

(1)  causes another by force, threat, coercion, or fraud to commit prostitution.~~;~~

(2)  ~~causes by any means a child younger than 18 years to commit prostitution, regardless of whether the actor knows the age of the child at the time of the offense.~~

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act, except that a final conviction for an offense that exists on the effective date of this Act is unaffected by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.