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By:  Guillen H.B. No. 4181

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prosecution of the offense of practicing veterinary medicine without a license; increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 801.504(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, except that an offense under this section is a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the actor:

(1)  violated Section 801.251; and

(2)  during the commission of the offense falsely represented to another that the actor was a veterinarian or was affiliated with a veterinarian's practice.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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