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H.B. No. 1349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of murder committed by a peace officer; increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19.02, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) Subject to Subsection (c-1) and except ~~[Except]~~ as provided by Subsection (d), an offense under this section is a felony of the first degree.

(c-1) Except as provided by Subsection (d), an offense under this section is a felony of the first degree with a minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years if the offense is committed by a peace officer acting under the authority of the state or a political subdivision of the state.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies 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 when 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.