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H.B. No. 3826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to bail bond surety advertising by a licensed attorney.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1704.303(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person may not advertise as a bail bond surety in a county unless the person holds a license issued under this chapter by a bail bond board in that county or the person is an attorney described by Section 1704.163(a). A person does not violate this subsection if the person places an advertisement that appears in more than one county and:

(1) the advertisement clearly indicates the county or counties in which the person holds a license issued under this chapter; and

(2) any local telephone number in the advertisement is a local number only for a county in which the person holds a license issued under this chapter.

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 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

1 before that date.

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