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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal punishment for assault committed against a sports participant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.01(c), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  An offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is[~~:~~

[~~(1)~~]  a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed:

(1)  under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04;

(2)  [~~a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed~~] by a person who is not a sports participant against a person the actor knows is a sports participant either:

(A)  while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

(B)  in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

(3)  [~~a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed~~] against a pregnant individual to force the individual to have an abortion.

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 before that date.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.