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H.B. No. 611

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the criminal offense of unlawful disclosure of residence address or telephone number.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 42, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 42.074 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.074. UNLAWFUL DISCLOSURE OF RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER. (a) A person commits an offense if the person posts on a publicly accessible website the residence address or telephone number of an individual with the intent to cause harm or a threat of harm to the individual or a member of the individual's family or household.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor, except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense results in the bodily injury of:

(1) the individual whose residence address or telephone number was posted on a publicly accessible website; or

(2) a member of the individual's family or household.

(c) This section does not apply to a public servant who posted information described by Subsection (a) to a publicly accessible website in the performance of the public servant's duties as required by or in accordance with state or federal law.

(d) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under Section 36.06(a-1), the

1 actor may be prosecuted under either section but not both.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.