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H.B. No. 858

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to repealing the affirmative defense to prosecution for  
3 the criminal offense of sale, distribution, or display of harmful  
4 material to a minor.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43.24(c), Penal Code, is repealed.

7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
8 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
9 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
10 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
11 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
12 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
13 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
14 before that date.

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