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H.B. No. 1253

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of sale, distribution,  
or display of harmful material to a minor; increasing a criminal  
penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.24(d), Penal Code, is amended to read  
as follows:

(d) An offense under this section is a state jail felony,  
except that an offense [Class A misdemeanor unless it is committed]  
under Subsection (b)(3) [~~in which event it~~] is a felony of the third  
degree.

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.