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H.B. No. 1730

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the punishment for the offense of indecent exposure;  
increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.08(b), Penal Code, is amended to read  
as follows:

(b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor,  
except that the offense is:

(1) a Class A misdemeanor if it is shown on the trial  
of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted one  
time of an offense under this section; and

(2) a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of  
the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted two or  
more times of an offense under this section.

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.