

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2073
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2073 protects victims by increasing penalties for violations of protective orders or bond conditions in cases involving family violence, child abuse or neglect, sexual assault or abuse, indecent assault, stalking, or trafficking. If the offender possesses a deadly weapon during the violation, the offense is elevated from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony. For repeated violations involving a deadly weapon, the penalty increases from a third-degree to a second-degree felony.

H.B. 2073 amends current law relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain violations of certain court orders or conditions of bond in cases involving family violence, child abuse or neglect, sexual assault or abuse, indecent assault, stalking, or trafficking.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.07(g), Penal Code, as follows:

(g) Provides that an offense under Section 25.07 (Violation of Certain Court Orders or Conditions of Bond in a Family Violence, Child Abuse or Neglect, Sexual Assault or Abuse, Indecent Assault, Stalking, or Trafficking Case) is a Class A misdemeanor, except the offense is:

(1) subject to Subdivision (2) (relating to designating an offense under Section 25.07 as a felony of the third degree under certain circumstances), a state jail felony if:

(A) creates this paragraph from existing text; or

(B) the defendant violates an order or a condition of bond in the manner described by certain subdivisions of Subsection (a) (relating to certain acts that constitute an offense if performed in violation of bond conditions for certain offenses), while possessing a deadly weapon; or

(2) makes no changes to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.072(e), Penal Code, to provide that an offense under Section 25.072 (Repeated Violation of Certain Court Orders or Conditions of Bond in Family Violence, Child Abuse or Neglect, Sexual Assault or Abuse, Indecent Assault, Stalking, or Trafficking Case) is a felony of the third degree, except the offense is a felony of the second degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that at least one time the person engaged in conduct that was punishable as a state jail felony under Section 25.07(g)(1)(B).

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2025.