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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the criminal offense of jugging.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 29, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 29.04 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.04.  JUGGING. (a) A person commits an offense if, with the intent to commit theft of another person's money, the person:

(1)  knowingly travels from a commercial business or financial institution, as defined by Section 201.101, Finance Code, on the same path or route as another person without substantially deviating from that path or route; and

(2)  is in possession of two or more criminal instruments, as defined by Section 16.01.

(b)  An offense under this section is a state jail felony, except that the offense is:

(1)  a felony of the third degree if, during the commission of the offense, the actor commits an offense under Section 30.04; or

(2)  a felony of the first degree if, during the commission of the offense, the actor commits an offense under Section 29.02.

(c)  If conduct constituting an offense under this section also constitutes an offense under another section of this code, the actor may be prosecuted under either section or under both sections.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.