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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.  Section 29.01, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

(3)  "Credit services organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 393.001, Finance Code.

SECTION 2.  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)  targets or observes the other person withdrawing money from an automated teller machine, bank, credit union, or credit services organization; and

(2)  subsequently physically follows the other person or causes any person to physically follow the other person.

(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 or 29.03.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.