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H.B. No. 1625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the penalties for the offense of passing certain  
3 vehicles, creating a criminal offense, increasing a criminal  
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Kevin Alexis  
7 Ramirez Vasquez Act.

8 SECTION 2. Section [521.292\(a\)](#), Transportation Code, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Except as provided by Section [521.457\(h\)](#), the  
11 department shall suspend the person's license if the department  
12 determines that the person:

13 (1) has operated a motor vehicle on a highway while the  
14 person's license was suspended, canceled, disqualified, or  
15 revoked, or without a license after an application for a license was  
16 denied;

17 (2) is a habitually reckless or negligent operator of  
18 a motor vehicle;

19 (3) is a habitual violator of the traffic laws;

20 (4) has permitted the unlawful or fraudulent use of  
21 the person's license;

22 (5) has committed an offense in another state or  
23 Canadian province that, if committed in this state, would be  
24 grounds for suspension;

1           (6) has been convicted of two or more separate  
2 offenses of a violation of a restriction imposed on the use of the  
3 license;

4           (7) has been responsible as a driver for any collision  
5 resulting in serious personal injury or serious property damage;

6           (8) is under 18 years of age and has been convicted of  
7 two or more moving violations committed within a 12-month period;  
8 or

9           (9) has committed an offense under Sections  
10 545.157(c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), or 545.421.

11           SECTION 3. Section 545.157(c), Transportation Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13           (c) A person who violates this section commits an offense.  
14 An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine  
15 of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,250, except that the offense  
16 is:

17           (1) a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than  
18 \$1,000 or more than \$2,000 for a second or subsequent offense  
19 committed within five years of the date on which the most recent  
20 preceding offense was committed;

21           (2) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense results in a  
22 collision [~~bodily injury to another~~]; or

23           (3) a state jail felony for a second or subsequent  
24 offense punishable under Subdivision (2) or an offense resulting in  
25 bodily injury to another.

26           SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
27 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
4 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
5 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
6 before that date.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.