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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalty and changing the
eligibility for community supervision, mandatory supervision, and
parole for certain persons convicted of intoxication manslaughter.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Grayson's Law.

SECTION 2. Section 49.09(b-2), Penal Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(b-2) An offense under Section 49.08 is a felony of the
first degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the
person:

(1) caused the death of a person described by
Subsection (b-1); or

(2) has previously been convicted of an offense
relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated,
operating an aircraft while intoxicated, operating a watercraft
while intoxicated, or operating or assembling an amusement ride
while intoxicated, and at the time of the commission of the instant
offense was in violation of Chapter 51.

SECTION 3. Article 42A.059, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended to read as follows:

Art. 42A.059. PLACEMENT ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THIS
STATE. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a

defendant is not eligible for community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, under this chapter if the defendant is charged with or convicted of an offense under:

(1) Chapter 51, Penal Code; or

(2) Section 49.08, Penal Code, if the offense is punishable under Section 49.09(b-2)(2), Penal Code.

SECTION 4. Section 508.145, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense punishable under Section 49.09(b-2)(2), Penal Code, is not eligible for release on parole until the actual calendar time served, without consideration of good conduct time, equals 10 years.

SECTION 5. Section 508.147, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1) and Section 508.149, a parole panel shall order the release of an inmate who is not on parole to mandatory supervision when the actual calendar time the inmate has served plus any accrued good conduct time equals the term to which the inmate was sentenced.

(a-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense punishable under Section 49.09(b-2)(2), Penal Code, may not be released to mandatory supervision unless:

(1) the inmate's actual calendar time served, without consideration of good conduct time, equals at least 10 years; and

(2) the inmate is otherwise eligible for release under Subsection (a).

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

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