

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

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

- 4 (1) Chapter 51, Penal Code; or
5 (2) Section 49.08, Penal Code, if the offense is
6 punishable under Section 49.09(b-2)(2), Penal Code.

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

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

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

16 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1) and Section
17 508.149, a parole panel shall order the release of an inmate who is
18 not on parole to mandatory supervision when the actual calendar
19 time the inmate has served plus any accrued good conduct time equals
20 the term to which the inmate was sentenced.

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

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

26 (2) the inmate is otherwise eligible for release under
27 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2017 was passed by the House on May 6, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 117, Nays 28, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2017 on May 30, 2025, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2017 on June 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 96, Nays 38, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2017

I certify that H.B. No. 2017 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2017 on May 31, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor