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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to increasing the minimum term of imprisonment and
3 changing the eligibility for community supervision, mandatory
4 supervision, and parole for certain persons convicted of
5 intoxication manslaughter.

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

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

8 SECTION 2. Section 49.08, Penal Code, is amended by adding
9 Subsection (c) to read as follows:

10 (c) The minimum term of imprisonment for an offense under
11 this section is increased to 10 years if it is shown on the trial of
12 the offense that at the time of the offense the person was present
13 in this country following the commission of an offense under
14 Chapter 51.

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

17 Art. 42A.059. PLACEMENT ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
18 PROHIBITED FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THIS
19 STATE. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
20 defendant is not eligible for community supervision, including
21 deferred adjudication community supervision, under this chapter if
22 the defendant is charged with or convicted of an offense under:

23 (1) Chapter 51, Penal Code; or

24 (2) Section 49.08, Penal Code, if the offense is

1 punishable under Subsection (c) of that section.

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

4 (e-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense punishable
5 under Section 49.08(c), Penal Code, is not eligible for release on
6 parole until the actual calendar time served, without consideration
7 of good conduct time, equals 10 years.

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

11 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1) and Section
12 508.149, a parole panel shall order the release of an inmate who is
13 not on parole to mandatory supervision when the actual calendar
14 time the inmate has served plus any accrued good conduct time equals
15 the term to which the inmate was sentenced.

16 (a-1) An inmate serving a sentence for an offense punishable
17 under Section 49.08(c), Penal Code, may not be released to
18 mandatory supervision unless:

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

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

23 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
24 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
25 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
26 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
27 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of

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1 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
2 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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