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H.B. No. 2073

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain violations of certain court orders or conditions of bond in cases involving family violence, child abuse or neglect, sexual assault or abuse, indecent assault, stalking, or trafficking.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.07(g), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor, except the offense is:

(1) subject to Subdivision (2), a state jail felony if:

(A) it is shown at the trial of the offense that the defendant violated an order issued under Subchapter A, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, following the defendant's conviction of or placement on deferred adjudication community supervision for an offense, if the order was issued with respect to a victim of that offense; or

(B) the defendant violates an order or a condition of bond in the manner described by Subsection (a)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6), or (7) while possessing a deadly weapon; or

(2) a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant:

(A) has previously been convicted two or more

1 times of an offense under this section or two or more times of an
2 offense under Section 25.072, or has previously been convicted of
3 an offense under this section and an offense under Section 25.072;
4 or

5 (B) has violated the order or the condition of
6 bond by committing an assault or the offense of stalking.

7 SECTION 2. Section 25.072(e), Penal Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (e) An offense under this section is a felony of the third
10 degree, except the offense is a felony of the second degree if it is
11 shown on the trial of the offense that at least one time the person
12 engaged in conduct that was punishable as a state jail felony under
13 Section 25.07(g)(1)(B).

14 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
15 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
16 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
17 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
18 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
19 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
20 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.