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H.B. No. 5215

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the criminal penalty for practicing chiropractic without a license; increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 201.605, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.605. CRIMINAL PENALTY: PRACTICE WITHOUT LICENSE.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 201.301.

(b) An ~~[Except as provided by Subsection (c), an]~~ offense under this section is a felony of the third degree ~~[Class A misdemeanor]~~.

~~(c) [If it is shown on the trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously convicted under Subsection (a), the offense is a felony of the third degree.]~~

~~[(d)]~~ Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

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

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