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S.B. No. 456

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase or sale of human organs; increasing a criminal penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.02(d), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An offense under [~~A violation of~~] this section is a state jail felony [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 164, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 164.0571 to read as follows:

Sec. 164.0571. REQUIRED REVOCATION OF LICENSE FOR PROCEDURE INVOLVING CERTAIN HUMAN ORGANS. The board shall revoke the license of a physician if the physician knowingly uses a human organ obtained in violation of Section 48.02, Penal Code, in a medical procedure.

SECTION 3. Section 48.02(d), Penal Code, as amended by this Act, applies 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 on the date 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 4. Section 164.0571, Occupations Code, as added by

1 this Act, applies only to conduct that occurs on or after the
2 effective date of this Act. Conduct that occurs before the
3 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
4 date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect
5 for that purpose.

6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.