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S.B. No. 1390

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for burglary of a place of worship.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30.02, Penal Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c) and (c-2) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (c-1), (c-2), ~~or~~ (d), or (e), an offense under this section is a:

(1) state jail felony if committed in a building other than a habitation or a place of worship; or

(2) felony of the second degree if committed in a habitation or a place of worship.

(c-2) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree if:

(1) the premises are a building other than a habitation or a place of worship; and

(2) it is shown on the trial of the offense that the actor committed the offense in the course of committing an offense under Section 20.05(a)(2).

(e) An offense under this section is a felony of the first degree if:

(1) the premises are a place of worship; and

(2) any party to the offense entered the place of

1 worship with intent to commit a felony other than felony theft or
2 committed or attempted to commit a felony other than felony theft.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
7 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
8 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
10 before that date.

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