

1-1 By: Parker S.B. No. 1833
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2025; March 13, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
1-4 May 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Flores	X			
1-9	Parker	X			
1-10	Hagenbuch	X			
1-11	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-12	Huffman	X			
1-13	King	X			
1-14	Miles	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the use of a social media platform in furtherance of an
1-18 offense involving the delivery of a controlled substance;
1-19 increasing criminal penalties.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 481, Health and Safety
1-22 Code, is amended by adding Section 481.142 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 481.142. USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FOR DELIVERY OF
1-24 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. (a) "Social media platform" has the meaning
1-25 assigned by Section 120.001, Business & Commerce Code.

1-26 (b) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under Section
1-27 481.112, 481.1121, 481.1123, 481.113, 481.114, 481.119, 481.120,
1-28 or 481.122, involving the delivery of a controlled substance that
1-29 the defendant used a social media platform in furtherance of the
1-30 offense, the punishment for the offense is increased to the
1-31 punishment prescribed by the next higher category of offense,
1-32 except that the punishment for a felony of the first degree is
1-33 increased by five years and the maximum fine for the offense is
1-34 doubled.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-36 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-37 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-38 governed by the law in effect at the time the offense was committed,
1-39 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-40 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-41 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-42 before that date.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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