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H.B. No. 59

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offenses of  
3 kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 20.03(c), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

11 SECTION 2. Section 20.04(a), Penal Code, is amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 (a) A person commits an offense if:

1 (E) [-(5)] terrorize the person abducted [him] or  
2 a third person; [ex]

9 (A) younger than 17 years of age; or

10 (B) incompetent.

11 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
12 only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this  
13 Act. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before  
14 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs  
15 before that date.

16 (b) An offense committed before the effective date of this  
17 Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed,  
18 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.