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H.B. No. 3224

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the prosecution and punishment of the offense of arson.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 28.02, Penal Code, is amended by adding  
5 Subsection (a-2) and amending Subsections (f) and (g) to read as  
6 follows:

7                   (a-2) A person commits an offense if the person  
8 intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion and in so doing:

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1 subsection of this section, or under the other section of this code.

2 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

4 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
5 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
6 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
7 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
8 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.