

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 2593
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2025;
1-3 May 19, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal
1-4 Justice; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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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 increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of
1-18 indecent assault against a disabled or elderly individual.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Sections 22.012(b) and (d), Penal Code, are
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,
1-23 except that the offense is:

1-24 (1) a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of
1-25 the offense that:

1-26 (A) the defendant has been previously convicted
1-27 of an offense under this section, other than an offense punishable
1-28 under Paragraph (B); or

1-29 (B) the defendant is a health care services
1-30 provider or a mental health services provider and the act is:

1-31 (i) committed during the course of
1-32 providing a treatment or service to the victim; and

1-33 (ii) beyond the scope of generally accepted
1-34 practices for the treatment or service; ~~or~~

1-35 (2) a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the
1-36 trial of the offense that the defendant has been previously
1-37 convicted of an offense under this section that is punishable under
1-38 Subdivision (1)(B); or

1-39 (3) a felony of the second degree if the victim is a
1-40 disabled individual or an elderly individual.

1-41 (d) In this section:

1-42 (1) "Disabled individual" and "elderly individual"
1-43 have the meanings assigned by Section 22.04.

1-44 (2) "Health ~~[, "health]~~ care services provider" and
1-45 "mental health services provider" have the meanings assigned by
1-46 Section 22.011.

1-47 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-48 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-49 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-50 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-51 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-52 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-53 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-54 before that date.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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