

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 2799
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
1-4 May 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; May 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch		X	
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X		
1-13	Johnson	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Perry	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of
1-20 reckless driving.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 545.401, Transportation Code, is amended
1-23 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1), (e), and
1-24 (f) to read as follows:

1-25 (b) Subject to Subsection (b-1), an [An] offense under this
1-26 section is a misdemeanor punishable by:

1-27 (1) a fine not to exceed \$200;

1-28 (2) confinement in county jail for not more than 30
1-29 days; or

1-30 (3) both the fine and the confinement.

1-31 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an offense under this
1-32 section is:

1-33 (1) a state jail felony if it is shown on the trial of
1-34 the offense that another person suffered bodily injury as a result
1-35 of the offense; and

1-36 (2) a felony of the third degree if it is shown on the
1-37 trial of the offense that another person suffered serious bodily
1-38 injury as a result of the offense.

1-39 (e) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this
1-40 section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor
1-41 may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

1-42 (f) In this section, "bodily injury" and "serious bodily
1-43 injury" have the meanings assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-45 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-46 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-47 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
1-48 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-49 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-50 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-51 before that date.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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