

CHAPTER 534

H.B. No. 913

An Act relating to punishment for the offense of passing a school bus while the bus is stopped.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 104, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway inside or outside of a business or residence district upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on said school bus a visual signal as specified in Section 124 of this Act, and said driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or is signaled by the school bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer actuated. *A violation of this subsection is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985, and applies only to the punishment for an offense committed on or after that date. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before the effective date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 913 on May 27, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985