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S.B. No. 1773

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the enforcement of municipal rules, ordinances, or
3 police regulations prohibiting illegal dumping; increasing a
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 54.001(b), Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) A fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
9 ordinance, or police regulation may not exceed \$500 except that:

10 (1) a fine or penalty for the violation of a rule,
11 ordinance, or police regulation that governs fire safety, zoning,
12 or public health and sanitation, other than the dumping of refuse,
13 may not exceed \$2,000; and

17 SECTION 2. Section 29.003(a), Government Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) A municipal court, including a municipal court of
20 record, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction within the
21 municipality's territorial limits and property owned by the
22 municipality located in the municipality's extraterritorial
23 jurisdiction in all criminal cases that:

24 (1) arise under:

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5 (A) \$2,000 in all cases arising under municipal
6 ordinances or resolutions, rules, or orders of a joint board that
7 govern fire safety, zoning, or public health and sanitation, other
8 than the dumping of refuse;

14 SECTION 3. Article 4.14(a), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) A municipal court, including a municipal court of
17 record, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction within the
18 territorial limits of the municipality in all criminal cases that:

19 (1) arise under the ordinances of the municipality;
20 and

21 (2) are punishable by a fine not to exceed:

22 (A) \$2,000 in all cases arising under municipal
23 ordinances that govern fire safety, zoning, or public health and
24 sanitation, other than the dumping of refuse;

25 (B) \$10,000 [~~\$4,000~~] in cases arising under
26 municipal ordinances that govern the dumping of refuse; or

27 (C) \$500 in all other cases arising under a

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1 municipal ordinance.

2 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
3 an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
4 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
5 by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former
6 law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this
7 section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this
8 Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.