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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the conduct that constitutes the use of a deadly weapon for purposes of the prosecution of the offense of aggravated assault or aggravated sexual assault.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.02, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) For purposes of this section, the use of a deadly weapon does not include the transmission of bodily fluid by an individual infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

SECTION 2. Section 22.021, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) For purposes of this section, the use of a deadly weapon does not include the transmission of bodily fluid by an individual infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.