

# Chart of New Fine-Only Offenses 2023

CODE & SECTION	BILL	DESCRIPTION	PENALTY
Penal Code Sec. 42.017	HB 598	Possesses or exercises control over an animal; and within the preceding five-year period has been convicted of an offense under Sec. 42.091, 42.092, or 42.10 of the Penal Code (relating to animal cruelty) or substantively similar federal law or law from another state.	Class C misdemeanor (\$1-500 fine range); Class B if defendant has been previously convicted of this offense.
Natural Resources Code Sec. 151.004	HB 1772	Timber producer knowingly fails to provide documentation required by Sec. 151.0035, or timber purchaser or person acting on their behalf knowingly provides false information in documentation required by that section.	Class C misdemeanor (\$1-500 fine range); enhanced as provided in Sec. 151.005 if provided to conceal or attempt to conceal an offense under Sec. 151.052 or 151.105.
Natural Resources Code Sec. 151.005	HB 1772	Seller or someone on behalf of seller knowingly provides false information in the bill of sale required in Sec. 151.001.	Class C misdemeanor (\$1-500 fine range); enhanced as provided in Sec. 151.005 if provided to conceal or attempt to conceal an offense under Sec. 151.052 or 151.105.
Health & Safety Code Sec. 444.004	SB 497	Distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a kratom product to an individual under 18 years of age.	Class C misdemeanor (\$1-500 fine range)
Parks & Wildlife Code Sec. 1.014	SB 1236	Using certain weapons in the bed of or on the bank of a navigable river or stream (previously only applied to a few counties; full details and exceptions in the statute)	Class C P&W misdemeanor (\$25-500 fine range)
Penal Code Sec. 38.02(b-1)	SB 1551	Is an operator of a motor vehicle lawfully detained by a peace officer for an alleged violation of a law; fails to provide or display the person's driver's license on request; and intentionally refuses to give the person's name, DL number, date of birth, or residence address on request of the officer.	Class C misdemeanor (\$1-500 fine range); Class B if person gave a false or fictitious name during commission of the offense.