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H.B. No. 1693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to access to the financial responsibility verification
3 program by justice and municipal courts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter N, Chapter 601, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 601.455 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 601.455. ACCESS BY COURT. (a) A justice or municipal
8 court may access the verification program established under this
9 subchapter to verify financial responsibility for the purpose of
10 court proceedings.

11 (b) The costs associated with accessing the verification
12 program under this section shall be paid out of the county treasury
13 by order of the commissioners court or the municipal treasury by
14 order of the governing body of the municipality, as applicable.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.