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H.B. No. 1829

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to properly recorded diacritical marks in vital statistics  
3 records, driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and  
4 personal identification certificates.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 191.009, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 Sec. 191.009. USE OF DIACRITICAL MARKS. (a) In this  
9 section, "diacritical mark" means a mark used in Latin script to  
10 change the sound of the letter to which it is added or used to  
11 distinguish the meaning of the word in which the letter appears. The  
12 term includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, apostrophes, and  
13 cedillas.

14 (b) The state registrar shall ensure that a vital statistics  
15 record issued under this title properly records any diacritical  
16 mark used in a person's name.