

AN ACT

relating to the release on bond of certain persons arrested without a warrant.

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

SECTION 1. Article 17.033, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The time limits imposed by Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a person arrested without a warrant who is taken to a hospital, clinic, or other medical facility before being taken before a magistrate under Article 15.17. For a person described by this subsection, the time limits imposed by Subsections (a) and (b) begin to run at the time, as documented in the records of the hospital, clinic, or other medical facility, that a physician or other medical professional releases the person from the hospital, clinic, or other medical facility.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an arrest made on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of when the offense giving rise to the arrest was committed. An arrest made before the effective date of this Act is covered by the

1 law in effect when the arrest was made, and the former law is
2 continued in effect for that purpose.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2795 was passed by the House on April 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2795 on May 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2795 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor