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1 AN ACT 2 relating to the eligibility for jury-recommended community 3 supervision and to the conditions of community supervision for certain defendants convicted of state jail felonies. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 5 6 SECTION 1. Section 4(d), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows: 7 8 (d) A defendant is not eligible for community supervision under this section if the defendant: 9 (1) is sentenced to a term of imprisonment that 10 11 exceeds 10 years; 12 (2) is convicted of a state jail felony for which 13 suspension of the imposition of the sentence occurs automatically under Section 15(a) [sentenced to serve a term of confinement under 14 Section 12.35, Penal Code]; 15 (3) does not file a sworn motion under Subsection (e) 16 of this section or for whom the jury does not enter in the verdict a 17 finding that the information contained in the motion is true; or 18 19 (4) is adjudged guilty of an offense for which punishment is increased under Section 481.134(c), (d), (e), or (f), 20 21 Health and Safety Code, if it is shown that the defendant has been 22 previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under any one of those subsections. 23 SECTION 2. Section 15(c)(1), Article 42.12, 24 Code of

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1 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(1) A judge may impose any condition of community supervision on a defendant that the judge could impose on a defendant placed on supervision for an offense other than a state jail felony[, except that the judge may impose on the defendant a condition that the defendant submit to a period of confinement in a county jail under Section 5 or 12 of this article only if the term does not exceed 90 days].

9 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section 10 4(d), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies to a 11 defendant who on or after the effective date of this Act files the 12 motion required by Section 4(e), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal 13 Procedure, for jury-recommended community supervision, regardless 14 of whether the offense with which the defendant is charged was 15 committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 15(c)(1),
Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies only to a
defendant originally placed on community supervision on or after
the effective date of this Act.

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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1759 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1759 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor