

1-1 By: Farias (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 1687  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2007;  
1-3 May 15, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the information that must be included on the face of an  
1-9 appeal bond.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Article 45.0425(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) An appeal bond shall:

1-14 (1) provide [recite] that in the cause the defendant  
1-15 was convicted and has appealed;

1-16 (2) [and] be conditioned that the defendant shall make  
1-17 the defendant's personal appearance before the court to which the  
1-18 appeal is taken instanter, if the court is in session, or, if the  
1-19 court is not in session, at its next regular term, stating the time  
1-20 and place of that session, and there remain from day to day and term  
1-21 to term, and answer in the cause in the court; and

1-22 (3) state the defendant's name, date of birth, and  
1-23 driver's license or personal identification certificate number, if  
1-24 available.

1-25 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-26 to an appeal bond that is approved on or after the effective date of  
1-27 this Act. An appeal bond that is approved before the effective date  
1-28 of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the bond was  
1-29 approved, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
1-30 purpose.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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