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S.B. No. 1593

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to providing notice of a required court appearance to a  
3 criminal defendant and the defendant's surety.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended by adding Article 17.085 to read as follows:

7 Art. 17.085. NOTICE OF APPEARANCE DATE. Not later than the  
8 fifth day preceding the date a defendant who has posted a bail bond  
9 is required to appear before a court, the court shall give notice of  
10 the appearance date to:

11 (1) the defendant; and

12 (2) the surety on the defendant's bond.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a bond issued on or  
14 after the effective date of this Act. A bond issued before the  
15 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the  
16 time the bond was issued, and the former law is continued in effect  
17 for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.