1-1 S.B. No. 1056 By: Hinojosa (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2015; March 16, 2015, read 1-2 1-3 time and referred to Committee on Transportation; first 1-4 April 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, 1-5 Nays 0; April 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	Х	4		
1-9	Huffines	Х			
1-10	Ellis	Х			
1-11	Fraser			Х	
1-12	Garcia	Х			
1-13	Hall	Х			
1-14	Hancock	Х			
1-15	Kolkhorst	Х			
1-16	Taylor of Collin	Х			

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-19 relating to the eligibility for indigent status for purposes of the 1-20 driver responsibility program. 1-21

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

1-22 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 708.158(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The department shall waive all surcharges assessed under this chapter for a person who is indigent. For the purposes of this section, a person is considered to be indigent if the 1-25 1-26 1-27 1-28 person:

was determined to be indigent for the purpose of (1)appointing counsel under Article 26.04, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1-29 for the offense that is the basis for the surcharge, and the court did not make a subsequent finding that the person had the ability to pay, wholly or partly, the cost of the appointed counsel; or (2) provides the evidence described by Subsection (b) 1-30 1-31 1-32

1-33 1-34 to the court.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section 1-36 708.158, Transportation Code, applies to a surcharge pending on the 1-37 effective date of this Act, regardless of when the surcharge was 1-38 assessed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-41 1-42 1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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