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H.B. No. 1314

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the release on personal bond of a person who is
3 pregnant.

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 17.034 to read as follows:

7 Art. 17.034. RELEASE ON PERSONAL BOND OF PREGNANT
8 DEFENDANT. (a) For purposes of this article, a person is considered
9 to have been convicted of an offense if:

- 10 (1) a sentence is imposed;
11 (2) the person is placed on community supervision,
12 including deferred adjudication community supervision; or
13 (3) the court defers final disposition of the case.

14 (b) A magistrate shall release a defendant on personal bond
15 without sureties or other security, unless good cause is shown
16 otherwise, if the defendant:

- 17 (1) is pregnant; and
18 (2) is not charged with and has not been previously
19 convicted of a violent offense, as defined by Article 17.032(a).

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
21 to a person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this
22 Act. A person arrested before the effective date of this Act is
23 governed by the law in effect on the date the person was arrested,
24 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.