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H.B. No. 1443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of a notice to appear for certain
3 misdemeanors.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [543.004](#)(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) An officer shall issue a written notice to appear if:

8 (1) the offense charged is:

9 (A) speeding;

10 (B) driving with an expired driver's license
11 under Section [521.025](#);

12 (C) failure to obey a traffic-control signal
13 under Section [544.007](#);

14 (D) failure to stop at a stop sign under Section
15 [544.010](#);

16 (E) failure to signal a lane change under Section
17 [545.104](#);

18 (F) operation of a motor vehicle in violation of
19 the motor vehicle liability insurance requirement under Section
20 [601.191](#); or

21 (G) a violation of the open container law,
22 Section [49.031](#) [~~49.03~~], Penal Code; and

23 (2) the person makes a written promise to appear in
24 court as provided by Section [543.005](#).

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
3 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
4 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
5 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
6 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
7 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
8 before that date.

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