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H.B. No. 4019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the collection of surcharges assessed under the driver
3 responsibility program.

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

5 SECTION 1. AMNESTY PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "offense
6 relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated" has
7 the meaning assigned by Section 49.09, Penal Code.

8 (b) Not later than September 1, 2017, the Department of
9 Public Safety of the State of Texas by rule shall establish an
10 amnesty program for holders of a driver's license on which a
11 surcharge has been assessed under Chapter 708, Transportation Code.

12 (c) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (e) of this
13 section, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas by
14 rule shall offer a holder of a driver's license on which a surcharge
15 has been assessed a 50 percent reduction of the total dollar amount
16 of unpaid surcharges owed by the license holder for a 30-day period
17 to be determined by the department.

18 (d) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas
19 shall, not later than 30 days before the amnesty program goes into
20 effect, provide written notice to each person eligible to
21 participate in the amnesty program.

22 (e) A surcharge may not be reduced under this section if the
23 surcharge was assessed for:

24 (1) an offense relating to the operating of a motor

1 vehicle while intoxicated; or

2 (2) an offense involving an accident that caused the
3 death of another person.

4 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2019.

5 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
6 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
7 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
8 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
9 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.