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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history
- 3 record information for certain misdemeanor defendants following
- 4 successful completion of a period of deferred adjudication
- 5 community supervision.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Section 411.0716, Government Code, is amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 Sec. 411.0716. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. [<del>(a)</del>] Except
- 10 as provided by Section 411.072 [Subsection (b)], this subchapter
- 11 applies to the issuance of an order of nondisclosure of criminal
- 12 history record information for an offense committed before, on, or
- 13 after September 1, 2017.
- 14 [(b) Section 411.072 applies only to a person described by
- 15 Subsection (a) of that section who receives a discharge and
- 16 dismissal under Article 42A.111, Code of Criminal Procedure, on or
- 17 after September 1, 2017.
- SECTION 2. Section 411.072, Government Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- Sec. 411.072. <u>AUTOMATIC ORDER OF NONDISCLOSURE FOLLOWING</u>
- 21 COMPLETION OF [PROCEDURE FOR] DEFERRED ADJUDICATION COMMUNITY
- 22 SUPERVISION; CERTAIN NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS. (a) A person is
- 23 entitled to an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record
- 24 information under this [This] section if [applies only to a person

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   who]:
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                    the person was placed on deferred adjudication
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   community supervision under Subchapter C, Chapter 42A, Code of
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   Criminal Procedure, for a misdemeanor other than a misdemeanor:
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                         under:
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                         (i) Section 49.04 or 49.06, Penal Code; or
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                               Chapter 20, 21, 22, 25, 42, 43, 46, or
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    71, Penal Code; or
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   under Article 42A.105(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, or former
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   Section 5(k), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, was filed
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    in the papers of the case; [and]
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   under Article 42A.111, Code of Criminal Procedure, on or after
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   September 1, 2017, for the offense described by Subdivision (1);
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               (3) at least 180 days have elapsed from the date the
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   person was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision
    for the offense described by Subdivision (1);
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               (4) the person satisfies the requirements of Section
   411.074; and
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               (5) the person has never been previously convicted of
   or placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for
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    another offense other than a traffic offense that is punishable by
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   fine only.
               Not later than the 15th day of each month, the
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   department shall:
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               (1) review the records in the department's
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- 1 computerized criminal history system and, based on the relevant
- 2 information present in the system, identify and compile a list of
- 3 each person who:
- 4 (A) meets the criteria provided by Subsection
- 5 <u>(a); and</u>
- 6 (B) has not received an order of nondisclosure of
- 7 criminal history information under this section; and
- 8 (2) for each person identified on the list described
- 9 by Subdivision (1), provide to the applicable court that placed the
- 10 person on deferred adjudication community supervision:
- 11 (A) notice of the person's entitlement to an
- 12 order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information under
- 13 this section; and
- 14 (B) a copy of the list described by Subdivision
- 15 (1).
- 16 <u>(c)</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter
- 17 or Subchapter F, if a [person described by Subsection (a) receives a
- 18 discharge and dismissal under Article 42A.111, Code of Criminal
- 19 Procedure, and satisfies the requirements of Section 411.074, the]
- 20 court that placed  $\underline{a}$  [the] person on deferred adjudication community
- 21 supervision receives notice from the department under Subsection
- 22 (b) that the person is entitled to an order of nondisclosure of
- 23 criminal history record information under this section, the court
- 24 shall, as soon as practicable after the receipt of the notice, issue
- 25 an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information
- 26 under this subchapter prohibiting criminal justice agencies from
- 27 disclosing to the public criminal history record information

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1 related to the offense giving rise to the deferred adjudication

2 community supervision. [The court shall determine whether the

3 person satisfies the requirements of Section 411.074, and if the

4 court makes a finding that the requirements of that section are

satisfied, the court shall issue the order of nondisclosure of

6 criminal history record information:

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[(1) at the time the court discharges and dismisses
the proceedings against the person, if the discharge and dismissal
cocurs on or after the 180th day after the date the court placed the
person on deferred adjudication community supervision; or

[(2) as soon as practicable on or after the 180th day
after the date the court placed the person on deferred adjudication
community supervision, if the discharge and dismissal occurred
before that date.

(d) A [(e) The] person who is entitled to an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information under this section but who is not identified by the department under Subsection (b) as being entitled to the order may [shall] present to the court that placed the person on deferred adjudication community supervision any evidence necessary to establish that the person is entitled [eligible] to receive an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information under this section. The court shall prescribe the manner in which the person may present the evidence to the court under this subsection. The court shall determine whether the person satisfies the requirements of this section, and if the court makes a finding that the requirements of this section are satisfied, the court shall issue an order of

- 1 nondisclosure of criminal history record information under
- 2 Subsection (c) as soon as practicable after making the finding.
- 3 (e) Notwithstanding any other law, a [The] person who is
- 4 entitled to an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record
- 5 information under this section may not be required to [must] pay any
- 6 [a \$28] fee relating to the issuance of [to the clerk of the court
- 7 before the court issues | the order.
- 8 (f) [<del>(d)</del>] A person who is not entitled [<del>eligible</del>] to receive
- 9 an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information
- 10 under this section solely because an affirmative finding under
- 11 Article 42A.105(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, or former Section
- 12 5(k), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, was filed in the
- 13 papers of the case may file a petition for an order of nondisclosure
- 14 of criminal history record information under Section 411.0725 if
- 15 the person otherwise satisfies the requirements of that section.
- SECTION 3. Section 411.0725(a), Government Code, is amended
- 17 to read as follows:
- 18 (a) This section applies only to a person placed on deferred
- 19 adjudication community supervision under Subchapter C, Chapter
- 20 42A, Code of Criminal Procedure, who:
- 21 (1) is not <u>entitled</u> [<del>eligible</del>] to receive an order of
- 22 nondisclosure of criminal history record information under Section
- 23 411.072; and
- 24 (2) was placed on deferred adjudication community
- 25 supervision for an offense other than an offense under Section
- 26 49.04 or 49.06, Penal Code.
- 27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.