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H.B. No. 1601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the release on bail of a person arrested under a warrant issued by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 508.254(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A magistrate of the county in which the person is held in custody may release the person on bond pending the hearing if [÷

~~[(1) the person is arrested or held in custody only on a charge that the person committed an administrative violation of release,~~

~~[(2) the division, in accordance with Subsection (c), included notice on the warrant for the person's arrest that the person is eligible for release on bond, and~~

~~[(3)]~~ the magistrate determines that the person is not a threat to public safety.

SECTION 2. Section 508.254(e), Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a person who is arrested on or after the effective date of this Act. A person arrested before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the person was arrested, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1           SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.