

1-1 By: Canales (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1823
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Hughes	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Schwertner	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1823 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to properly recorded diacritical marks in vital statistics
1-22 records, driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and
1-23 personal identification certificates.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 191, Health and Safety
1-26 Code, is amended by adding Section 191.009 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 191.009. USE OF DIACRITICAL MARKS. (a) In this
1-28 section, "diacritical mark" means a mark used in Latin script to
1-29 change the sound of the letter to which it is added or used to
1-30 distinguish the meaning of the word in which the letter appears.
1-31 The term includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

1-32 (b) The state registrar shall ensure that a vital statistics
1-33 record issued under this title properly records any diacritical
1-34 mark used in a person's name.

1-35 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
1-36 is amended by adding Section 521.127 to read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 521.127. USE OF DIACRITICAL MARKS. (a) In this
1-38 section, "diacritical mark" means a mark used in Latin script to
1-39 change the sound of a letter to which it is added or used to
1-40 distinguish the meaning of the word in which the letter appears.
1-41 The term includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

1-42 (b) The department shall ensure that an original or renewal
1-43 driver's license or personal identification certificate issued
1-44 under this chapter properly records any diacritical mark used in a
1-45 person's name.

1-46 SECTION 3. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is amended
1-47 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-48 (d) The department shall ensure that an original or renewal
1-49 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit issued
1-50 under this chapter properly records any diacritical mark used in a
1-51 person's name. In this subsection, "diacritical mark" means a mark
1-52 used in Latin script to change the sound of a letter to which it is
1-53 added or used to distinguish the meaning of the word in which the
1-54 letter appears. The term includes accents, tildes, graves,
1-55 umlauts, and cedillas.

1-56 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-57 to a vital statistics record issued by the Department of State
1-58 Health Services vital statistics unit or a driver's license,
1-59 personal identification certificate, or commercial driver's
1-60 license or learner's permit issued or renewed by the Texas

2-1 Department of Public Safety on or after January 1, 2019.

2-2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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