

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 779
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2017; February 22, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the indigent status of a person for the purposes of the
 1-20 driver responsibility program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 708.158(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The department shall waive all surcharges assessed
 1-25 under this chapter for a person who is indigent. For the purposes
 1-26 of this section, a person is considered to be indigent if the person
 1-27 provides the evidence described by Subsection (b) to the court. The
 1-28 court on its own motion may inquire whether the person would like to
 1-29 submit evidence to establish the person's indigent status.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section
 1-31 708.158, Transportation Code, applies only to a trial that begins
 1-32 on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether
 1-33 the offense occurred before, on, or after the effective date of this
 1-34 Act. The state is not required to refund a surcharge collected
 1-35 before the effective date of this Act.

1-36 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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