

# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 27, 2017  
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick  
President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on May 27, 2017 HB 1823 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

Judith Zaffirini  
SENATOR JUDITH ZAFFIRINI

Joan Huffman  
SENATOR JOAN HUFFMAN

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SENATOR EDDIE LUCIO

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Richard Peña Raymond  
On the part of the House  
Rep. Richard Peña Raymond

### Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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H.B. No. 1823

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to properly recorded diacritical marks in vital statistics  
3 records, driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and  
4 personal identification certificates.

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

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

8 Sec. 191.009. USE OF DIACRITICAL MARKS. (a) In this  
9 section, "diacritical mark" means a mark used in Latin script to  
10 change the sound of the letter to which it is added or used to  
11 distinguish the meaning of the word in which the letter appears.  
12 The term includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

13 (b) The state registrar shall ensure that a vital statistics  
14 record issued under this title properly records any diacritical  
15 mark used in a person's name.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
17 is amended by adding Section 521.127 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 521.127. USE OF DIACRITICAL MARKS. (a) In this  
19 section, "diacritical mark" means a mark used in Latin script to  
20 change the sound of a letter to which it is added or used to  
21 distinguish the meaning of the word in which the letter appears.  
22 The term includes accents, tildes, graves, umlauts, and cedillas.

23 (b) The department shall ensure that an original or renewal  
24 driver's license or personal identification certificate issued

1 under this chapter properly records any diacritical mark used in a  
2 person's name.

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

5 (d) The department shall ensure that an original or renewal  
6 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit issued  
7 under this chapter properly records any diacritical mark used in a  
8 person's name. In this subsection, "diacritical mark" means a mark  
9 used in Latin script to change the sound of a letter to which it is  
10 added or used to distinguish the meaning of the word in which the  
11 letter appears. The term includes accents, tildes, graves,  
12 umlauts, and cedillas.

13 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
14 to a vital statistics record issued by the Department of State  
15 Health Services vital statistics unit or a driver's license,  
16 personal identification certificate, or commercial driver's  
17 license or learner's permit issued or renewed by the Texas  
18 Department of Public Safety on or after January 1, 2019.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

**House Bill 1823**  
Conference Committee Report  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SENATE VERSION (IE)

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1-3. Subchapter A, Chapter 191, Health and Safety Code; Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code; and Section 522.030, Transportation Code are amended.

SECTION 1-3. Same as House version.

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SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a vital statistics record issued by the Department of State Health Services vital statistics unit or a driver's license, personal identification certificate, or commercial driver's license or learner's permit issued or renewed by the Texas Department of Public Safety on or after *September 1, 2018*.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a vital statistics record issued by the Department of State Health Services vital statistics unit or a driver's license, personal identification certificate, or commercial driver's license or learner's permit issued or renewed by the Texas Department of Public Safety on or after *January 1, 2019*.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

*No equivalent provision.*

SECTION \_\_. Subtitle B, Title 7, Transportation Code, is amended. [FA1]

Same as House version.

*No equivalent provision.*

SECTION \_\_. The Department of Public Safety is required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the department may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose. [FA1]

Same as House version.

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

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2017

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1823** by Canales (Relating to properly recorded diacritical marks in vital statistics records, driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification certificates.), **Conference Committee Report**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code and the Transportation Code relating to properly recorded diacritical marks in vital statistics records, driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification certificates. Based on the LBB's analysis of the Department of State Health Services and the Department of Public Safety, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 537 State Health Services, Department of

**LBB Staff:** UP, AG, EP, RD

**Certification of Compliance with  
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on HB 1823 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.

  
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