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H.B. No. 3645

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for the issuance of certain driver's licenses and commercial driver's licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.148, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) This section does not apply to a person who holds a valid driver's license issued by another state that includes an authorization to operate a motorcycle.

SECTION 2. Section 521.1601, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 1413 (S.B. 1317), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.1601. DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIRED; EXCEPTION. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), the [The] department may not issue a driver's license to a person who is younger than 25 years of age unless the person submits to the department a driver education certificate issued under Chapter 1001, Education Code, that states that the person has completed and passed:

(1) a driver education and traffic safety course conducted by an entity exempt from licensure under Section 1001.002, Education Code, or a driver education course approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation under Chapter 1001, Education Code; or

(2) if the person is 18 years of age or older, a driver

1 education course approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and  
2 Regulation under Section 1001.101 or 1001.1015, Education Code.

3 (b) This section does not apply to a person who holds a valid  
4 driver's license issued by another state.

5 SECTION 3. Section 522.034, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a person who  
8 holds a valid driver's license issued by another state that  
9 includes an authorization to operate a motorcycle.

10 SECTION 4. Section 1001.055(a), Education Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (a) The department shall provide to each licensed driver  
13 education provider or exempt driver education school driver  
14 education certificates or certificate numbers to enable the  
15 provider or school to issue department-approved driver education  
16 certificates to certify completion of an approved driver education  
17 course and satisfy the requirements of Sections 521.204(a)(2)[~~7~~  
18 ~~Transportation Code, 521.1601, Transportation Code, as added by~~  
19 ~~Chapter 1253 (H.B. 339), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular~~  
20 ~~Session, 2009,~~] and 521.1601, Transportation Code[~~7~~ ~~as added by~~  
21 ~~Chapter 1413 (S.B. 1317), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular~~  
22 ~~Session, 2009].~~

23 SECTION 5. Section 521.1601, Transportation Code, as added  
24 by Chapter 1253 (H.B. 339), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular  
25 Session, 2009, is repealed.

26 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.