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H.B. No. 4337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to licenses and similar documents issued by certain
3 foreign governments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.01(2), Penal Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (2) "Governmental record" means:

8 (A) anything belonging to, received by, or kept
9 by government for information, including a court record;

10 (B) anything required by law to be kept by others
11 for information of government;

12 (C) a license, certificate, permit, seal, title,
13 letter of patent, or similar document issued by government, by
14 another state, ~~or~~ by the United States, or by a foreign government
15 engaged in a reciprocal treaty or memorandum of understanding with
16 the United States;

17 (D) a standard proof of motor vehicle liability
18 insurance form described by Section 601.081, Transportation Code, a
19 certificate of an insurance company described by Section 601.083 of
20 that code, a document purporting to be such a form or certificate
21 that is not issued by an insurer authorized to write motor vehicle
22 liability insurance in this state, an electronic submission in a
23 form described by Section 502.046(i), Transportation Code, or an
24 evidence of financial responsibility described by Section 601.053

1 of that code;

2 (E) an official ballot or other election record;
3 or

4 (F) the written documentation a mobile food unit
5 is required to obtain under Section 437.0074, Health and Safety
6 Code.

7 SECTION 2. Section 522.015, Transportation Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 522.015. LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED BY OTHER
10 JURISDICTION. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), a ~~[A]~~ person may
11 drive a commercial motor vehicle in this state if:

12 (1) either:

13 (A) the person has a commercial driver's license
14 or a commercial learner's permit issued by ~~[+~~

15 ~~[A]~~ another state in accordance with the
16 minimum federal standards for the issuance of a commercial motor
17 vehicle driver's license; or

18 (B) the person:

19 (i) has a commercial driver's license or a
20 commercial learner's permit issued by a foreign jurisdiction the
21 testing and licensing standards of which the United States
22 Department of Transportation has determined meet the requirements
23 of the federal act; and

24 (ii) is authorized under federal law to
25 work in the United States;

26 (2) the person's license or permit is appropriate for
27 the class of vehicle being driven;

1 (3) the person is not disqualified from driving a
2 commercial motor vehicle and is not subject to an out-of-service
3 order;

4 (4) the person has not had a domicile in this state for
5 more than 30 days; and

6 (5) if the person has a permit, the person also has a
7 driver's license issued by the same jurisdiction that issued the
8 permit.

9 (b) If a person has a commercial driver's license or a
10 commercial learner's permit described by Subsection (a)(1)(B)(i)
11 and is not authorized under federal law to work in the United States
12 but satisfies all of the other requirements of Subsection (a), the
13 person may drive a commercial motor vehicle only in a county
14 bordering the United Mexican States.

15 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
17 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
18 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
20 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
21 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
22 before that date.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.