

1-1 By: Canales, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 4337  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;  
1-3 May 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2023, rereferred to Committee on Border Security;  
1-5 May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Flores</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Blanco</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Hinojosa</u>	X		
1-13	<u>King</u>	X		

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to licenses and similar documents issued by certain  
1-17 foreign governments.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 37.01(2), Penal Code, is amended to read  
1-20 as follows:

1-21 (2) "Governmental record" means:

1-22 (A) anything belonging to, received by, or kept  
1-23 by government for information, including a court record;

1-24 (B) anything required by law to be kept by others  
1-25 for information of government;

1-26 (C) a license, certificate, permit, seal, title,  
1-27 letter of patent, or similar document issued by government, by  
1-28 another state, ~~or~~ by the United States, or by a foreign government  
1-29 engaged in a reciprocal treaty or memorandum of understanding with  
1-30 the United States;

1-31 (D) a standard proof of motor vehicle liability  
1-32 insurance form described by Section 601.081, Transportation Code, a  
1-33 certificate of an insurance company described by Section 601.083 of  
1-34 that code, a document purporting to be such a form or certificate  
1-35 that is not issued by an insurer authorized to write motor vehicle  
1-36 liability insurance in this state, an electronic submission in a  
1-37 form described by Section 502.046(i), Transportation Code, or an  
1-38 evidence of financial responsibility described by Section 601.053  
1-39 of that code;

1-40 (E) an official ballot or other election record;  
1-41 or

1-42 (F) the written documentation a mobile food unit  
1-43 is required to obtain under Section 437.0074, Health and Safety  
1-44 Code.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 522.015, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-46 to read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 522.015. LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED BY OTHER  
1-48 JURISDICTION. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), a [A] person may  
1-49 drive a commercial motor vehicle in this state if:

1-50 (1) either:

1-51 (A) the person has a commercial driver's license  
1-52 or a commercial learner's permit issued by [÷

1-53 [~~(A)~~] another state in accordance with the  
1-54 minimum federal standards for the issuance of a commercial motor  
1-55 vehicle driver's license; or

1-56 (B) the person:

1-57 (i) has a commercial driver's license or a  
1-58 commercial learner's permit issued by a foreign jurisdiction the  
1-59 testing and licensing standards of which the United States  
1-60 Department of Transportation has determined meet the requirements  
1-61 of the federal act; and

1-62 (ii) is authorized under federal law to

2-1 work in the United States;

2-2 (2) the person's license or permit is appropriate for  
2-3 the class of vehicle being driven;

2-4 (3) the person is not disqualified from driving a  
2-5 commercial motor vehicle and is not subject to an out-of-service  
2-6 order;

2-7 (4) the person has not had a domicile in this state for  
2-8 more than 30 days; and

2-9 (5) if the person has a permit, the person also has a  
2-10 driver's license issued by the same jurisdiction that issued the  
2-11 permit.

2-12 (b) If a person has a commercial driver's license or a  
2-13 commercial learner's permit described by Subsection (a)(1)(B)(i)  
2-14 and is not authorized under federal law to work in the United States  
2-15 but satisfies all of the other requirements of Subsection (a), the  
2-16 person may drive a commercial motor vehicle only in a county  
2-17 bordering the United Mexican States.

2-18 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-19 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
2-20 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
2-21 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
2-22 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
2-23 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
2-24 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
2-25 before that date.

2-26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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