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H.B. No. 2793

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of an original or renewal driver's license to certain persons younger than 18 years of age.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter M, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.2735 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.2735. ORIGINAL OR RENEWAL LICENSE ISSUED TO HOLDER OF PROVISIONAL LICENSE. Notwithstanding Section 521.273, the department may not issue an original or renewal license to an applicant who is at least 17 years of age and holds a provisional license unless the applicant provides evidence satisfactory to the department that in the 180 days preceding the date of application the applicant has successfully completed a driver education course approved by the department, which may be a course approved under Section 521.205.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for an original or renewal driver's license filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for an original or renewal driver's license filed before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.