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H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the suspension of the driver's licenses of certain
3 persons younger than 18 years of age.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.292(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The department shall suspend the person's license if the
8 department determines that the person:

9 (1) has operated a motor vehicle on a highway while the
10 person's license was suspended, canceled, disqualified, or
11 revoked, or without a license after an application for a license was
12 denied;

13 (2) is a habitually reckless or negligent operator of
14 a motor vehicle;

15 (3) is a habitual violator of the traffic laws;

16 (4) has permitted the unlawful or fraudulent use of
17 the person's license;

18 (5) has committed an offense in another state or
19 Canadian province that, if committed in this state, would be
20 grounds for suspension;

21 (6) has been convicted of two or more separate
22 offenses of a violation of a restriction imposed on the use of the
23 license;

24 (7) has been responsible as a driver for any accident

1 resulting in serious personal injury or serious property damage;

2 (8) is the holder of a provisional license issued
3 under Section 521.123] and [has been] convicted of [two or more]
4 moving violations committed within a 12-month period; or

5 (9) has committed an offense under Section 545.421.

6 SECTION 2. Section 521.293, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), if the person does
10 not request a hearing, the period of license suspension under
11 Section 521.292 is 180 ~~90~~ days.

12 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to an offense described by Section 521.292(a)(8), Transportation
14 Code, as amended by this Act, committed on or after the effective
15 date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of
16 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
17 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
18 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed
19 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
20 occurred before that date.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.