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H.B. No. 90

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the minimum age and education requirements necessary to obtain a hardship license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.223, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) to read as follows:

(b) An applicant for a license under Subsection (a) must be 15 years and 180 days of age or older and must:

(1) have passed a driver education course approved by the Texas Education Agency and conducted by a licensed driver education school [~~department, which may be a course approved under Section 521.205~~]; and

(2) pass the examination required by Section 521.161.

(c) To be eligible to take the driver training course, the person must be at least 15 [~~14~~] years of age.

(d) If the department determines that an applicant must assist in the responsibilities imposed by a family illness, disability, death-related emergency, or economic emergency, the department [~~it may waive the driver training course requirement and~~] may issue a temporary license to an applicant who has satisfied the requirements imposed by Subsection (b)(1). A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for 30 [~~60~~] days after the date of issuance and may be renewed for additional 30-day [~~60-day~~] periods as long as the condition continues.

1 (f) In the manner provided by Subchapter N, the department
2 shall [~~may~~] suspend a license issued under this section if the
3 holder of the license is convicted of a moving violation.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to the issuance of a hardship license on or after the effective date
6 of this Act. The issuance of a hardship license before the
7 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect
8 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
9 continued in effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.