

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, a person may use as a restricted occupational driver's license a copy of a court order specifying the judge's findings and restrictions in granting the license. The copy of the court order is valid as a restricted license until the 31st day after the date the order takes effect.

Interested parties note that if the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) fails to send the license to the driver before the court order expires, the driver risks breaking the law or missing work due to the lack of proper licensing documentation. H.B. 441 extends the period during which a person awaiting issuance of an occupational driver's license may use a copy of the court order as a restricted occupational driver's license to a period lasting until the 45th day after the date on which the order takes effect. H.B. 441 seeks to keep drivers on the road legally by giving DPS adequate time to issue the occupational driver's license.

H.B. 441 amends current law relating to the use of a court order as an occupational license.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.249(a), Transportation Code, as follows:

- (a) Requires the court to send a certified copy of the petition and the court order setting out the judge's findings and restrictions to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas. Authorizes the person to use a copy of the order as a restricted license until the 45th day, rather than the 31st day, after the date on which the order takes effect.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.