

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a required training course on human trafficking for commercial driver's license applicants.

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

SECTION 1. Section 522.021, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-2) An applicant for a commercial driver's license must furnish to the department evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant has successfully completed a recognition and prevention of human trafficking training course approved by the department under Section 522.035.

SECTION 2. Section 522.022, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 522.022. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. The department may not issue a commercial driver's license other than a non-domiciled license to a person unless the person:

(1) has a domicile:

(A) in this state; or

(B) in another state and is a member of the United States armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or a reserve or auxiliary unit of any branch of the armed forces, whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in this state;

(2) has passed knowledge and skills tests for driving a commercial motor vehicle that comply with minimal federal

standards established by 49 C.F.R. Part 383, Subparts G and H; ~~and~~

(3) has completed a recognition and prevention of human trafficking training course approved by the department under Section 522.035; and

(4) has satisfied the requirements imposed by the federal act, federal regulation, or state law.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 522, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 522.035 to read as follows:

Sec. 522.035. RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING COURSE. (a) The department by rule shall:

(1) prescribe minimum standards for the training course on the recognition and prevention of human trafficking that is required for commercial driver's license applicants under Section 522.022; and

(2) develop an approval procedure for training courses that meet the minimum standards prescribed under this subsection.

(b) In adopting the rules, the department may consult with organizations that develop training courses on the recognition and prevention of human trafficking.

SECTION 4. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 522.035, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

(b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for an original commercial driver's license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for an original commercial driver's license submitted before the

1 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
2 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in
3 effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.