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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of certain persons to teach a driver 3 education course.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1001.112(a), Education Code, the 6 substance of which was transferred from Section 521.205(a), 7 Transportation Code, by Chapter 1044 (H.B. 1786), Acts of the 84th 8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to conform to 9 Chapter 567 (H.B. 2708), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular 10 Session, 2015, and further amended to read as follows:

11 The commission by rule shall provide for approval of a (a) 12 driver education course conducted by a person designated under Subsection (a-1) or by the parent, stepparent, foster parent, legal 13 14 guardian, grandparent, or step-grandparent of a person who is required to complete a driver education course to obtain a Class C 15 license. The rules must provide that the student driver spend a 16 minimum number of hours in classroom and behind-the-wheel 17 instruction and that the person conducting the course: 18

(1) possess a valid license for the preceding three years that has not been suspended, revoked, or forfeited in the past three years for an offense that involves the operation of a motor vehicle;

23 (2) has not been convicted of:
24 (A) criminally negligent homicide; or

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(3) [is not disabled because of mental illness; and

(B) driving while intoxicated; and

3 [(4)] does not have six or more points assigned to the 4 person's driver's license under Subchapter B, Chapter 708, 5 Transportation Code, at the time the person begins conducting the 6 course.

7 SECTION 2. Section 1001.112, Education Code, is amended by 8 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

9 <u>(a-1) The parent of a person who is required to complete a</u> 10 <u>driver education course to obtain a Class C license may designate a</u> 11 <u>person 25 years of age or older to conduct a driver education course</u> 12 <u>under Subsection (a) if the parent has a disability. In this</u> 13 <u>subsection, "disability" means, with respect to an individual, a</u> 14 <u>physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more</u> 15 <u>major life activities.</u>

SECTION 3. (a) Section 521.1655(a-1), Transportation Code, is repealed.

(b) Section 521.205(a), Transportation Code, as amended by
Chapter 567 (H.B. 2708), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular
Session, 2015, is repealed to conform to the repeal of Section
521.205, Transportation Code, by Chapter 1044 (H.B. 1786), Acts of
the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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