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H.B. No. 3337

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(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;

(2) has not been convicted of:

(A) criminally negligent homicide; or

(B) driving while intoxicated; and

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

~~(4)]~~ does not have six or more points assigned to the

person's driver's license under Subchapter B, Chapter 708, Transportation Code, at the time the person begins conducting the course.

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

(a-1) The parent of a person who is required to complete a driver education course to obtain a Class C license may designate a person 18 years of age or older to conduct a driver education course under Subsection (a) if the parent has a disability.

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 (a) Section 521.1655(a-1), Transportation Code, is repealed.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Transportation Code, as amended by Chapter 567 (H.B. 2708), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is repealed to conform to the repeal of Section 521.205, Transportation Code, by Chapter 1044 (H.B. 1786), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015.

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