

AN ACT

relating to the period of certain driver's license suspensions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.293, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.293. PERIOD OF SUSPENSION UNDER SECTION 521.292. If [~~(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), if~~] the person does not request a hearing, the period of license suspension under Section 521.292 is 90 days.

~~[(b) If the department determines that the person engaged in conduct described by Section 521.292(a)(1), the period of license suspension is extended for an additional period of the lesser of:~~

~~[(1) the term of the original suspension; or~~

~~[(2) one year.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 521.312(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) [~~Section 521.293(b),~~] or Subchapter O, the department may not suspend a license for a period that exceeds one year.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a driver's license suspension based on conduct that occurred on or after the effective date of this Act. A driver's license suspension based on conduct that occurred before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct

1 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2 purpose. For purposes of this Act, conduct occurred before the
3 effective date of this Act if any element of the conduct occurred
4 before that date.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 162 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 162 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor