

AN ACT

relating to waiving certain driver's license and handgun license fees for certain applicants who hold a certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1954 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1954. WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO HOLD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the department shall waive any fee required for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter if at the time of the application the applicant for the license submits to the department satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

(1) holds a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized association; and

(2) is not required to hold the certification described by Subdivision (1) as a condition of obtaining or maintaining employment or an occupational license.

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), "occupational license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization that a person must obtain to practice or

1 engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter I, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 521.1812 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 521.1812. WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES FOR CERTAIN
5 APPLICANTS WHO HOLD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION.

6 (a) A person is exempt from the payment of any fee for the issuance
7 of an original or renewal driver's license, as provided under this
8 chapter, if at the time of the application for an original or
9 renewal driver's license the person submits to the department
10 satisfactory evidence that the person:

11 (1) holds a current certification in cardiopulmonary
12 resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association, the
13 American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized association;
14 and

15 (2) is not required to hold the certification
16 described by Subdivision (1) as a condition of obtaining or
17 maintaining employment or an occupational license.

18 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), "occupational
19 license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or
20 other form of authorization that a person must obtain to practice or
21 engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession.

22 (c) The department shall establish a record of the amount of
23 the fees waived under this section that would otherwise be
24 deposited to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

25 (d) On or before the fifth workday of each month, the
26 department, using available funds, shall remit to the comptroller
27 for deposit to the credit of the Texas mobility fund general revenue

1 in an amount equal to the amount of the fees described by Subsection
2 (c) in the preceding month.

3 SECTION 3. (a) Section 411.1954, Government Code, as added
4 by this Act, applies only to an application for an original or
5 renewed license to carry a handgun submitted on or after the
6 effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the
7 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
8 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in
9 effect for that purpose.

10 (b) Section 521.1812, Transportation Code, as added by this
11 Act, applies only to an application for an original or renewal
12 driver's license submitted on or after the effective date of this
13 Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act
14 is governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,
15 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

16 SECTION 4. The Department of Public Safety of the State of
17 Texas is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
18 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
19 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
20 purpose, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas may,
21 but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using
22 other appropriations available for that purpose.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1078 was passed by the House on April 18, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1078 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 6, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1078 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor