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H.B. No. 1538

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to driving safety courses provided by certain organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), an organization is exempt from this chapter and any fee imposed under this chapter if the organization:

(1) is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and

(2) provides to individuals who are at least 50 years of age a driving safety course that may be used for purposes of Article 45.0511, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(a-2) Sections 1001.0561, 1001.351(b), 1001.451, and 1001.555 apply to an organization described by Subsection (a-1).

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 1001, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.0561 to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.0561. UNIFORM CERTIFICATES OF COURSE COMPLETION ISSUED BY CERTAIN EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS. For an organization exempt from this chapter under Section 1001.002(a-1):

(1) the department shall provide the organization with course completion certificate numbers to enable the organization to

1 issue original and duplicate department-approved uniform
2 certificates of course completion in a manner that, to the greatest
3 extent possible, prevents the unauthorized production or the misuse
4 of the certificates; and

5 (2) the organization may purchase original or
6 duplicate certificate numbers for only one approved driving safety
7 course.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.