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H.B. No. 1724

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an exemption for teachers from the payment of a fee for
3 the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification
4 certificate.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter R, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 521.4265 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 521.4265. TEACHER EXEMPTION. (a) In this section,
9 "teacher" means a principal, supervisor, classroom teacher, school
10 counselor, or other full-time professional employee who is required
11 to hold a certificate issued under Subchapter B, Chapter 21,
12 Education Code.

13 (b) An applicant who is, at the time of application, a
14 teacher or a retired teacher is exempt from the payment of fees
15 under this chapter for the issuance of a driver's license or
16 personal identification certificate.

17 (c) The department shall require an applicant requesting an
18 exemption under this section to provide proof of the applicant's
19 entitlement to the exemption. The department shall adopt rules
20 relating to the proof of entitlement to the exemption, which may
21 include, for retired teachers, statements or other communications
22 issued by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas that evidence
23 payment of an annuity from the system.

24 SECTION 2. Section 521.4265, Transportation Code, as added

1 by this Act, applies only to a driver's license or personal
2 identification certificate for which an application is submitted on
3 or after the effective date of this Act. A driver's license or
4 personal identification certificate for which an application was
5 submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
6 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
7 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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