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H.B. No. 2478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and
3 other identification certificates; authorizing and increasing
4 fees.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 521.009(a), (a-1), and (c),
7 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The department may establish a program for the provision
9 of renewal and duplicate driver's license, election identification
10 certificate, and personal identification certificate services by
11 ~~[in]~~ counties, ~~[and]~~ municipalities, and private vendors that enter
12 into an agreement with the department under Subsection (a-1).

13 (a-1) Under the program, the department may enter into an
14 agreement with the commissioners court of a county, ~~[or]~~ the
15 governing body of a municipality, or a private vendor to permit
16 county, ~~[or]~~ municipal, or vendor employees to provide services at
17 a county or municipal office or at a location determined by the
18 vendor relating to the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's
19 licenses, election identification certificates, and personal
20 identification certificates, including:

- 21 (1) taking photographs;
22 (2) administering vision tests;
23 (3) updating a driver's license, election
24 identification certificate, or personal identification certificate

1 to change a name, address, or photograph;

2 (4) distributing and collecting information relating
3 to donations under Section 521.401;

4 (5) collecting fees; and

5 (6) performing other basic ministerial functions and
6 tasks necessary to issue renewal and duplicate driver's licenses,
7 election identification certificates, and personal identification
8 certificates.

9 (c) A participating county, ~~or~~ municipality, or private
10 vendor must remit to the department for deposit as required by this
11 chapter fees collected for the issuance of a renewal or duplicate
12 driver's license or personal identification certificate.

13 SECTION 2. Section 521.165(c), Transportation Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (c) In ~~[Except as provided by Subsection (d), in]~~ issuing a
16 driver's license for certain types of vehicles, the director may
17 waive a driving test for an applicant who has successfully
18 completed and passed the training and testing conducted by a person
19 certified under Subsection (a).

20 SECTION 3. Section 521.271(a), Transportation Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Each original driver's license, provisional license,
23 learner license, or occupational driver's license issued to an
24 applicant who is a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident
25 of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into
26 the United States expires as follows:

27 (1) except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's

1 license expires on the eighth [~~first birthday of the license holder~~
2 ~~occurring after the sixth~~] anniversary of the date of the
3 application;

4 (2) a provisional license expires on the 18th birthday
5 of the license holder;

6 (3) a learner license expires on the 18th birthday of
7 the license holder;

8 (4) an occupational driver's license expires on the
9 first anniversary of the court order granting the license; and

10 (5) unless an earlier date is otherwise provided, a
11 driver's license issued to a person whose residence or domicile is a
12 correctional facility or a parole facility expires on the first
13 birthday of the license holder occurring after the first
14 anniversary of the date of issuance.

15 SECTION 4. Section 521.421(a), Transportation Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (a) The fee for issuance or renewal of a license not
18 otherwise provided for by this section is \$32 [~~\$24~~].

19 SECTION 5. Section 521.428, Transportation Code, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 521.428. COUNTY, ~~[OR]~~ MUNICIPAL, OR PRIVATE VENDOR
22 FEE. (a) A county or municipality that provides services under an
23 agreement described by Section 521.009 may collect an additional
24 fee of up to \$5 for each transaction provided that relates to
25 driver's license and personal identification certificate services
26 only.

27 (b) A private vendor that provides services under an

1 agreement described by Section 521.009 may collect an additional
2 fee of up to \$10 for each transaction described by Subsection (a).

3 SECTION 6. Section 522.029, Transportation Code, is amended
4 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (m) to read as
5 follows:

6 (a) The fee for a commercial driver's license issued by the
7 department is \$96 [~~\$60~~], except as provided by Subsections (f),
8 (h), (j), [~~and~~] (k), and (m).

9 (m) The fee for a commercial driver's license with a
10 hazardous materials endorsement issued by the department is \$60,
11 except as provided by Subsections (h), (j), and (k).

12 SECTION 7. Section 522.051, Transportation Code, is amended
13 by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (f) and adding
14 Subsections (i), (j), (k), and (l) to read as follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (f) and
16 (i) and Sections 522.013(e), 522.033, and 522.054, an original
17 commercial driver's license expires eight [~~five~~] years after the
18 applicant's next birthday.

19 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (j) and Section
20 522.054, a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a
21 Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire one year or more
22 after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license
23 expires eight [~~five~~] years after the applicant's next birthday.

24 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (k) and Section
25 522.054, a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a
26 Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire less than one
27 year after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license

1 or that has been expired for less than one year expires eight [~~five~~]
2 years after the expiration date shown on the Class A, B, C, or M
3 license.

4 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (l) and Section
5 [522.054](#), a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a
6 Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that has been expired for at least
7 one year but not more than two years expires eight [~~five~~] years
8 after the applicant's last birthday.

9 (f) Except as provided by Section [522.013](#), a non-domiciled
10 commercial driver's license other than a temporary non-domiciled
11 commercial driver's license under Section [522.013](#)(e) expires on:

12 (1) the earlier of:

13 (A) the first birthday of the license holder
14 occurring after the eighth [~~fifth~~] anniversary of the date of the
15 application; or

16 (B) the expiration date of the license holder's
17 lawful presence in the United States as determined by the
18 appropriate United States agency in compliance with federal law; or

19 (2) the first anniversary of the date of issuance, if
20 there is no definitive expiration date for the applicant's
21 authorized stay in the United States.

22 (i) Except as provided by Subsection (f) and Sections
23 [522.013](#)(e), [522.033](#), and [522.054](#), an original commercial driver's
24 license with a hazardous materials endorsement expires five years
25 after the applicant's next birthday.

26 (j) Except as provided by Section [522.054](#), a commercial
27 driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a

1 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire
2 one year or more after the date of issuance of the commercial
3 driver's license expires five years after the applicant's next
4 birthday.

5 (k) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a commercial
6 driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a
7 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire
8 less than one year after the date of issuance of the commercial
9 driver's license or that has been expired for less than one year
10 expires five years after the expiration date shown on the Class A,
11 B, C, or M license.

12 (l) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a commercial
13 driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a
14 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that has been
15 expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires
16 five years after the applicant's last birthday.

17 SECTION 8. Section 522.052, Transportation Code, is amended
18 by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (k) and
19 (l) to read as follows:

20 (b) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a renewal of a
21 commercial driver's license that has been expired for less than one
22 year expires eight [~~five~~] years after the expiration date shown on
23 the commercial driver's license.

24 (c) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a renewal of a
25 commercial driver's license that has been expired for at least one
26 year but not more than two years expires seven [~~six~~] years after the
27 applicant's last birthday.

1 (k) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a renewal of a
2 commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement
3 that has been expired for less than one year expires five years
4 after the expiration date shown on the commercial driver's license.

5 (l) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a renewal of a
6 commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement
7 that has been expired for at least one year but not more than two
8 years expires five years after the applicant's last birthday.

9 SECTION 9. Section 521.165(d), Transportation Code, is
10 repealed.

11 SECTION 10. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
12 521.271, 521.421, 522.029, 522.051, and 522.052, Transportation
13 Code, apply only to a driver's license or commercial driver's
14 license issued or renewed on or after June 1, 2020. A driver's
15 license or commercial driver's license issued or renewed before
16 June 1, 2020, is governed by the law in effect immediately before
17 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
18 effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.