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H.B. No. 3395

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the knowledge test required for a commercial driver's license.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 522.023(b) and (d), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the ~~[The]~~ knowledge test must be conducted by the department. The department shall provide each applicant who has a reading impairment an opportunity to take the knowledge test orally or, at the applicant's option, the applicant may have the questions read to the applicant and may answer in writing.

(d) The department may authorize a person, including an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility or other private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of local government, to:

(1) administer the skills test specified by this section if:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ the test is the same that would be administered by the department; and

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ the person has entered into an agreement with the department that complies with 49 C.F.R. Section 383.75; or

(2) administer the knowledge test specified by this

1 section if:

2 (A) the test is the same that would be  
3 administered by the department;

4 (B) the administration of the test is authorized  
5 by federal law; and

6 (C) the person provides each applicant who has a  
7 reading impairment an opportunity to, at the applicant's option:

8 (i) take the knowledge test orally; or

9 (ii) have the questions read to the  
10 applicant and answer in writing.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.