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S.B. No. 1219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a limited term driver's license;  
authorizing fees.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by  
adding Subchapter K-1 to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K-1. LIMITED TERM DRIVER'S LICENSE

Sec. 521.231. ELIGIBILITY. The department may issue a  
limited term driver's license, including a learner license or a  
provisional license, to an applicant who:

(1) as of the date the license is issued, has resided  
in this state for at least one year;

(2) meets the requirements for the license other than  
an application requirement described by Section 521.235; and

(3) provides to the department either:

(A) a social security number; or

(B) an individual taxpayer identification number  
issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

Sec. 521.232. NOT TO BE USED AS IDENTIFICATION FOR FEDERAL  
OR VOTING PURPOSES. A limited term driver's license issued under  
this subchapter is not valid as proof of the license holder's  
identity for any federal purposes or for purposes of voting in any  
election, including a national, state, or local election.

Sec. 521.233. LIMITED TERM DRIVER'S LICENSE. (a) The

1 department shall:

2 (1) designate and clearly mark as a limited term  
3 driver's license each license issued under this subchapter; and

4 (2) include on a license issued under this subchapter  
5 an indication that the license is not valid proof of identity for  
6 any federal or voting purposes.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, the  
8 provisions of this chapter and other law applicable to the issuance  
9 or renewal of, an applicant or application for, or a holder of a  
10 driver's license, including a provisional license or learner  
11 license, are applicable to the issuance or renewal of, an applicant  
12 or application for, or a holder of a limited term driver's license.

13 Sec. 521.234. RULES. (a) The department shall adopt rules  
14 to implement this subchapter, including rules:

15 (1) regarding the design and content of the limited  
16 term driver's license; and

17 (2) establishing criteria for proof of identification  
18 and residency of an applicant.

19 (b) Rules establishing criteria for proof of identification  
20 must allow an applicant to establish identity through presentation  
21 of a foreign birth certificate or unexpired foreign passport that  
22 includes a certified translation if the document is not in English.

23 Sec. 521.235. CERTAIN APPLICATION PROVISIONS INAPPLICABLE.  
24 The following provisions do not apply to an application for the  
25 issuance or renewal of a limited term driver's license:

26 (1) notwithstanding Section 521.1425, the requirement  
27 in Section 521.142(a) that an applicant who is not a citizen of the

1 United States present to the department documentation that  
2 authorizes the applicant to be in the United States; and

3 (2) Sections 521.142(c)(7) and (g).

4 Sec. 521.236. EXPIRATION. Notwithstanding Sections  
5 521.271 and 521.2711:

6 (1) each limited term driver's license issued or  
7 renewed under this subchapter expires on the first birthday of the  
8 license holder occurring after the date of issuance or renewal; and

9 (2) each provisional limited term driver's license and  
10 limited term learner license issued under this subchapter expires  
11 on the 18th birthday of the license holder.

12 SECTION 2. Section 521.421, Transportation Code, is amended  
13 by adding Subsections (l) and (m) to read as follows:

14 (l) Except as provided by Subsection (m), the fee for  
15 issuance or renewal of a limited term driver's license is \$25.

16 (m) The fee for issuance of a provisional limited term  
17 driver's license or limited term learner license is \$16.

18 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Department of  
19 Public Safety of the State of Texas shall adopt the rules necessary  
20 to implement Subchapter K-1, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, as  
21 added by this Act.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.