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By:  Patterson H.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting the extension of the period of a driver's license suspension for certain driving while license invalid convictions.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 521.343, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (d), if [~~If~~] the license holder is convicted of operating a motor vehicle while the license to operate a motor vehicle is cancelled, disqualified, suspended, revoked, or denied, the period is extended for the same term as the original suspension or disqualification, in addition to any penalty assessed under this chapter or Chapter 522.

(d)  The department may not extend the period a person's driver's license is suspended under Subsection (c) for a conviction of an offense under Section 521.457 if:

(1)  the offense was committed before September 1, 2019; and

(2)  the person was convicted of the offense after August 31, 2023.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.