H.B. No. 3647

AN ACT

relating to the imposition by the Department of Public Safety of administrative and civil consequences for certain criminal convictions.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 521.042, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f)  Except as provided by Subsection (g) and Chapter 706, the department may not consider a record of a conviction of a license holder that is received by the department after the first anniversary of the date of the conviction in a decision to impose an enforcement action against the license holder, including a decision to suspend, revoke, or deny renewal of the license holder's driver's license.

(g)  The department may consider a record of a conviction of a license holder that is received by the department after the first anniversary of the date of the conviction in a decision to impose an enforcement action against the license holder if:

(1)  the license holder:

(A)  is a commercial driver's license holder or was a commercial driver's license holder at the time of the offense;

(B)  was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the offense; or

(C)  was operating a motor vehicle and transporting a hazardous material at the time of the offense; or

(2)  the conviction is for an offense under Chapter 49, Penal Code.

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

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3647 was passed by the House on April 20, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 143, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3647 on May 17, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 134, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3647 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 12, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 29, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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