

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver's
3 license or extension of the period of a driver's license suspension
4 for certain driving while license invalid convictions; authorizing
5 a fee.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 521.292(a), Transportation Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Section 521.457(h), the [The]
10 department shall suspend the person's license if the department
11 determines that the person:

12 (1) has operated a motor vehicle on a highway while the
13 person's license was suspended, canceled, disqualified, or
14 revoked, or without a license after an application for a license was
15 denied;

16 (2) is a habitually reckless or negligent operator of
17 a motor vehicle;

18 (3) is a habitual violator of the traffic laws;

19 (4) has permitted the unlawful or fraudulent use of
20 the person's license;

21 (5) has committed an offense in another state or
22 Canadian province that, if committed in this state, would be
23 grounds for suspension;

24 (6) has been convicted of two or more separate

1 offenses of a violation of a restriction imposed on the use of the
2 license;

3 (7) has been responsible as a driver for any accident
4 resulting in serious personal injury or serious property damage;

5 (8) is under 18 years of age and has been convicted of
6 two or more moving violations committed within a 12-month period;
7 or

8 (9) has committed an offense under Section 545.421.

9 SECTION 2. Section 521.343(c), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (c) Except as provided by Section 521.457(h), if ~~if~~ the
12 license holder is convicted of operating a motor vehicle while the
13 license to operate a motor vehicle is cancelled, disqualified,
14 suspended, revoked, or denied, the period is extended for the same
15 term as the original suspension or disqualification, in addition to
16 any penalty assessed under this chapter or Chapter 522.

17 SECTION 3. Section 521.457, Transportation Code, is amended
18 by adding Subsections (h), (i), and (j) to read as follows:

19 (h) Except as provided by Subsection (i), the department may
20 not suspend a person's driver's license under Section
21 521.292(a)(1), or extend the period a person's driver's license is
22 suspended under Section 521.343(c), for a conviction of an offense
23 under this section if:

24 (1) the offense was committed before September 1,
25 2019;

26 (2) the person was convicted of the offense after
27 August 31, 2023; and

1 (3) the person pays the department the fee required
2 under Section 521.313(a) or any other fee required for the
3 reinstatement of the person's driver's license in the manner
4 prescribed by the department.

5 (i) Subsection (h) does not apply to:

6 (1) a commercial driver's license issued under Chapter
7 522; or

8 (2) a person who was transporting hazardous materials
9 or operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the offense
10 under this section.

11 (j) The fee collected under Subsection (h)(3) shall be
12 deposited to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 842 was passed by the House on April 13, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 842 was passed by the Senate on May 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor