

**SENATE AMENDMENTS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Printing**

By: Patterson, Holt, Leo Wilson

H.B. No. 647

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.221, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The department:

(1) shall remove a restriction that requires the license holder to wear corrective lenses for vision and mail to the license holder a new driver's license that does not include the restriction if the license holder submits to the department:

(A) a written statement from a licensed physician or optometrist verifying that the license holder's vision has been surgically corrected and the license holder no longer requires corrective lenses for vision; and

(B) the required fee;

(2) shall establish a process by which a person may submit to the department electronically or by mail the form and fee described by Subdivision (1); and

(3) may not mail a new driver's license under this subsection to a person whose driver's license record indicates that the person is subject to the registration requirements of Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

MAY 25 2025

*Haley Law*  
Secretary of the Senate

*Blair Hooper*

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Amend H.B. No. 647 (senate committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. The Texas Department of Public Safety is  
5 required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates  
6 money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not  
7 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may,  
8 but is not required to, implement this Act using other  
9 appropriations available for that purpose.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 26, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB647** by Patterson (Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB647, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$1,716,750) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The Department of Public Safety is required to implement a provision of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the Department of Public Safety may, but is not required to, implement a provision of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses if certain conditions are met. The bill would also direct DPS to establish a process for electronic form and fee submission.

**Methodology**

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) provided DPS with an estimate of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026 to expand portal submission functionality to the Texas.gov website. The fiscal impact to DIR for software, application maintenance, and infrastructure costs would be \$81,750 in fiscal year 2027.

**Technology**

According to DIR, application development within Texas.gov has an estimated cost of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026, and ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs of \$81,750 each year thereafter.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405 Department of Public Safety

**LBB Staff:** JMc, AAL, CSh, KVEL, MGoI, CMA

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 13, 2025

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB647 by Patterson (Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), As Engrossed

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 20, 2025

TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB647** by Patterson (relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB647, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,716,750) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

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2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses if certain conditions are met. The bill would also direct DPS to establish a process for electronic form and fee submission.

## **Methodology**

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) provided DPS with an estimate of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026 to expand portal submission functionality to the Texas.gov website. The fiscal impact to DIR for software, application maintenance, and infrastructure costs would be \$81,750 in fiscal year 2027.

## **Technology**

According to DIR, application development within Texas.gov has an estimated cost of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026, and ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs of \$81,750 each year thereafter.

## **Local Government Impact**

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**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405 Department of Public Safety

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION  
Revision 1

March 17, 2025

TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB647** by Patterson (Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB647, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,716,750) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2026	(\$1,635,000)
2027	(\$81,750)
2028	(\$81,750)
2029	(\$81,750)
2030	(\$81,750)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses if certain conditions are met. The bill would also direct DPS to establish a process for electronic form and fee submission.

**Methodology**

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) provided DPS with an estimate of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026 to expand portal submission functionality to the Texas.gov website. The fiscal impact to DIR for software, application maintenance, and infrastructure costs would be \$81,750 in fiscal year 2027.

**Technology**

According to DIR, application development within Texas.gov has an estimated cost of \$1,635,000 in fiscal year 2026, and ongoing infrastructure and maintenance costs of \$81,750 each year thereafter.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 405 Department of Public Safety

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 11, 2025

TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB647** by Patterson (Relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB647, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$3,131,550) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2026	(\$2,606,400)
2027	(\$525,150)
2028	(\$525,150)
2029	(\$525,150)
2030	(\$525,150)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2026	(\$2,606,400)
2027	(\$525,150)
2028	(\$525,150)
2029	(\$525,150)
2030	(\$525,150)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to remove certain restrictions imposed on driver's licenses if certain conditions are met. The bill would also direct DPS to establish a process for electronic form and fee submission.

Methodology

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) provided DPS with an estimate of \$2,296,388 in fiscal year

2026 to expand portal submission functionality to the Texas.gov website. The fiscal impact to DIR for software, application maintenance, and infrastructure costs would be \$310,012 in fiscal year 2026 and \$525,150 in fiscal year 2027.

**Technology**

According to DIR, application development within Texas.gov has an estimated cost of \$2,606,400 in fiscal year 2026, and ongoing infrastructure and maintenance cost of \$525,150 each year thereafter.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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