HOUSE RESEARCH ORGANIZATION bill digest

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HB 1078 (2nd reading) Oliverson (CSHB 1078 by Burns)

SUBJECT: Waiving certain license fees for CPR-certified individuals

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security and Public Safety — committee substitute

recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Nevárez, Paul, Burns, Calanni, Clardy, Goodwin, Israel, Lang,

Tinderholt

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Paul Martin, National Association of Mutual Insurance

Companies; Raymond Oliverson; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Susan Ross, State Farm Insurance; Carrie Kroll, Texas Hospital Association;

Cathy DeWitt, USAA; Mike Meroney)

Against — None

On — Sheri Gipson, Department of Public Safety Driver License Division; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steve Moninger and Wayne

Mueller, Department of Public Safety)

BACKGROUND: Some suggest that providing financial incentives cold encourage

individuals to become CPR-certified and increase the number of Texans

who could administer this lifesaving treatment.

DIGEST: CSHB 1078 would require the Texas Department of Public Safety to

waive any fee necessary for the issuance of an original or renewed

handgun or driver's license if an applicant submitted satisfactory evidence

to the department that the person:

• held a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) issued by a nationally recognized association; and

 was not required to be CPR-certified as a condition for employment or an occupational license.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019, and would apply only to an

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application for an original or renewed handgun or driver's license submitted on or after the effective date.

NOTES:

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill could result in an indeterminate loss of state fee revenue.