

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, drivers license's and personal identification cards expire on the first birthday following the fourth anniversary of the application date. Each subsequent application for renewal or required change requires a \$16 fee. This bill allows a six-year term of issuance for driver's licenses and personal identification certificates.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1200 allows a six-year term of issuance for driver's licenses and personal identification certificates.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Department of Public Safety in SECTION 8 of this bill.

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SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.101(f), Transportation Code, to provide that a certificate expires on a date specified by the Department of Public Safety (department), except that a certificate issued to a person 60 years of age or older does not expire.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 521.271, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 521.271. LICENSE EXPIRATION. Provides that each original driver's and provisional license expires , among other expiration dates, on the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the sixth, rather than the fourth, anniversary of the date of the applcation. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 521.421, Transportation Code, by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (f), to provide that the fee for issuance or renewal of a license is \$24, rather than \$16, and the fee for renewal of a Class M license is \$32, rather than \$21. Requires the fee for the driver's license to be increased by \$8, if a Class A, B, or C driver's license includes an authorization to operate a motorcycle or moped.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 521.422, Transportation Code, as follows:

Sec. 521.422. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE FEE. Provides that the fee for a personal identification certificate is \$15, rather than \$10 for a person under 60, rather than 65 years of age. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 522.029, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), to provide that the fee for a commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit issued by the department is \$60, rather than \$40. Provides that the fee for the driver's license or permit is increased by \$8, if a commercial driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit includes an authorization to operate a motorcycle or moped.

SECTION 6. Amends Sections 522.051(a)-(d), Transportation Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 7. Amends Sections 522.052(b) and (c), Transportation Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 8. Authorizes the Department of Public Safety, by rule, to provide for the staggered expiration of licenses, permits, and certificates under Chapter 521 and 522, Transportation Code. Requires the department to prorate fees based on the staggered expiration of licenses, permits, and certificates.

SECTION 9. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 10. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 11. Emergency clause.