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DIGEST

Currently, several licenses are required of a business that modifies vehicles for disabled drivers. The business must apply to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Motor Vehicle Converter's License, the Manufacturer's Distributor's or Converter's Representative License, and the Franchised New Motor Vehicle Dealer's License. Many businesses have expressed concern that the license requirements impose unnecessary burdens because of this process to obtain several licenses separately from the state agency. Consolidating and simplifying the licensing process could ease the burden on the businesses without compromising state regulatory and enforcement responsibilities. Fees would remain the same. S.B. 1748 would require the Motor Vehicle Board of TxDOT to establish a combination license for vehicle modification.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1748 establishes a combination license by the Motor Vehicle Board of the Texas Department of Transportation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the Motor Vehicle Board of the Texas Department of Transportation in SECTION 1 (Section 4.03C, Article 4413(36), V.T.C.S.) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 4413(36), V.T.C.S. (Texas Motor Vehicle Commission Code), by adding Section 4.03C, as follows:

Sec. 4.03C. COMBINATION LICENSE. Requires the Motor Vehicle Board of the Texas Department of Transportation (board) to provide, by rule, for the issuance of a combination license that permits a license holder to perform activities for which more than one license is required under this Act. Authorizes an applicant for a combination license to file a single application on a form prescribed by the board. Sets forth information necessary in the application. Requires the board to issue a combination license that specifies the activities authorized by the license, if the board grants the application. Authorizes a person who holds more than one license to obtain from the board a combination license that authorizes each of the activities by the component licenses.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.