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H.B. No. 2234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing home-taught driver education course providers to administer certain examinations required to obtain a driver's license.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 521.1655, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.1655. TESTING BY DRIVER EDUCATION SCHOOL AND CERTAIN DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDERS.

SECTION 2. Section 521.1655, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A driver education course provider approved under Section 521.205 or a person who conducts a course under that section may administer to a student of that course the highway sign and traffic law parts of the examination required by Section 521.161.

SECTION 3. Section 521.205(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The rules must provide a method by which:

(1) approval of a course is obtained;

(2) an applicant submits proof of completion of the course; ~~and~~

(3) approval for delivering course materials by an alternative method, including electronic means, is obtained;

(4) a provider of a course approved under this section

1 or a person conducting a course under this section may administer to  
2 an applicant the highway sign and traffic law parts of the  
3 examination as provided by Section 521.1655(a-1) through  
4 electronic means; and

5 (5) an applicant submits proof of passage of an  
6 examination administered under Subdivision (4).

7 SECTION 4. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt the  
8 rules required by Section 521.205, Transportation Code, as amended  
9 by this Act, not later than January 1, 2014.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.