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H.B. No. 76

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain conditions of suspension or renewal of a
3 driver's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.242(a), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A person whose license has been suspended for a cause
8 other than a physical or mental disability or impairment or a
9 conviction of an offense under Sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code,
10 may apply for an occupational license by filing a verified petition
11 with the clerk of a municipal, justice, county, or district court
12 with jurisdiction that includes the precinct or county in which:

13 (1) the person resides; or

14 (2) the offense occurred for which the license was
15 suspended.

16 SECTION 2. Section 521.343(b), Transportation Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (b) If a license is suspended under this subchapter for a
19 subsequent period, the subsequent suspension is for one year [~~18~~
20 ~~months~~] except as otherwise provided by a section listed in
21 Subsection (a).

22 SECTION 3. Section 706.004, Transportation Code, is amended
23 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the department may deny

1 renewal of a person's driver's license under this section until the
2 earlier of:

3 (1) the date the department receives clearance notice
4 under Section 706.005; or

5 (2) the second anniversary of the date the person
6 failed to appear or failed to pay or satisfy a judgment.

7 SECTION 4. Section 706.006, Transportation Code, is amended
8 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
9 follows:

10 (c) The department may deny renewal of the driver's license
11 of a person who does not pay a fee due under this section until the
12 earlier of:

13 (1) the date the fee is paid; or

14 (2) the second anniversary of the date the person
15 failed to appear or failed to pay or satisfy a judgment.

16 (d) The fee required by this section is in addition to any
17 other fee required by law.

18 SECTION 5. Section 708.152(b), Transportation Code, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b) A license suspended under this section remains
21 suspended until the earlier of:

22 (1) the date the person pays the amount of the
23 surcharge and any related costs; or

24 (2) the second anniversary of the date of suspension.

25 SECTION 6. Section 708.154(c), Transportation Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (c) A license suspended under this section remains

1 suspended until the earlier of:

2 (1) the date the person pays the amount of the
3 surcharge and any related costs; or

4 (2) the second anniversary of the date of suspension,
5 whichever date is earlier.

6 SECTION 7. Section 708.158, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) Not later than the fifth day after the date the court
9 receives information described by Subsection (b) establishing that
10 a person is indigent, the court shall notify the department that the
11 person is indigent for the purposes of this chapter.

12 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.