

1-1 By: Patterson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hagenbuch) H.B. No. 647
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2025;
1-3 April 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 14, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 14, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Nichols	X			
1-9	West	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13	Johnson	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Miles	X			
1-16	Perry	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the removal of certain restrictions imposed on driver's
1-20 licenses; authorizing a fee.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 521.221, Transportation Code, is amended
1-23 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-24 (e) The department:

1-25 (1) shall remove a restriction that requires the
1-26 license holder to wear corrective lenses for vision and mail to the
1-27 license holder a new driver's license that does not include the
1-28 restriction if the license holder submits to the department:

1-29 (A) a written statement from a licensed physician
1-30 or optometrist verifying that the license holder's vision has been
1-31 surgically corrected and the license holder no longer requires
1-32 corrective lenses for vision; and

1-33 (B) the required fee;

1-34 (2) shall establish a process by which a person may
1-35 submit to the department electronically or by mail the form and fee
1-36 described by Subdivision (1); and

1-37 (3) may not mail a new driver's license under this
1-38 subsection to a person whose driver's license record indicates that
1-39 the person is subject to the registration requirements of Chapter
1-40 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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