

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There have been calls to provide financial incentives for individuals to become certified in CPR to increase the number of Texans who are able to administer this lifesaving treatment. H.B. 1078 seeks to do so by waiving fees for the issuance of a driver's license or handgun license for certain applicants who hold a current CPR certification.

H.B. 1078 amends current law relating to waiving certain driver's license and handgun license fees for certain applicants who hold a certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, by adding Section 411.1954, as follows:

Sec. 411.1954. WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO HOLD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION. (a) Requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS), notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, to waive any fee required for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter if at the time of the application the applicant for the license submits to DPS satisfactory evidence that the applicant:

- (1) holds a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized association; and
- (2) is not required to hold the certification described by Subdivision (1) as a condition of obtaining or maintaining employment or an occupational license.

(b) Defines "occupational license" for purposes of this Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter I, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, by adding Section 521.1812, as follows:

Sec. 521.1812. WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS WHO HOLD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION. (a) Provides that a person is exempt from the payment of any fee for the issuance of an original or renewal driver's license, as provided under this chapter (Driver's Licenses and Certificates), if at the time of the application for an original or renewal driver's license the person submits to DPS satisfactory evidence that the person:

- (1) holds a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized association; and

(2) is not required to hold the certification described by Subdivision (1) as a condition of obtaining or maintaining employment or an occupational license.

(b) Defines "occupational license" for purposes of Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 3. (a) Makes application of Section 411.1954, Government Code, as added by this Act, prospective.

(b) Makes application of Section 521.1812, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2019.