

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 592****2023 Regular Session****Schamerhorn**

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides relative to driver education skills test

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for "driver education course" requirements.

Present law requires at least eight hours of actual driving instruction as part of a "prelicensing training course" and proposed law includes the administration of the skills test at a properly licensed third-party examiner's discretion.

Present law authorizes a prelicensing training course for any person 18 or older if the driver education course is not completed.

Proposed law requires a "prelicensing training course" be administered by a Class "D" and "E" driver education provider licensed and contracted under present law when a person does not complete a drivers education course.

Present law requires a prelicensing training course consist of a minimum of six hours classroom instruction and a minimum of eight hours of actual driving instruction.

Proposed law allows for the administration of the skills test by a third-party examiner as part of the prelicensing training course.

Present law requires every person licensed or contracted under present law to operate a private driving instructor training school or agency, or providing driving courses to also become licensed or contracted as third-party testers.

Proposed law removes the requirement that licensed and contracted driving instructor training schools or agencies also become licensed as third-party testers.

Present law requires every person licensed pursuant to present law become licensed or contracted as a third-party tester and to administer in accordance with law and administrative rules both the knowledge and on-road driving skills test required for a Class "D" or "E" license.

Proposed law designates a "third-party examiner" as a properly licensed and contracted administrator of the knowledge and on-road driving skills tests to administer under present law the knowledge and on-road driving skills test required for a Class "D" or "E" license.

Proposed law allows for a web-based application by which a parent or legal guardian can provide electronic signatures for any credential authorized in present law in connection with a minor's application which allows for operation of a motor vehicle. Specifies that the electronic signature does not apply to a first or initial issuance of a license or permit, which must be an in-person transaction.

Present law requires that, after June 29, 2012, every person licensed pursuant to present law administer both the knowledge and on-road driving skills test required for issuance of Class "D" or "E" licenses.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:402.1(A)(2)(intro. para.) and R.S. 40:1461(F); Adds R.S. 32:407(G); Repeals R.S. 40:1461(G))