

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 37

2015 Regular Session

Brown

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Authorizes a blood type designation to be included on the front of a person's driver's license or special identification card

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add a provision that specifies a person at least in grade eight, instead of nine, shall be permitted to participate in driver's education.
3. Add a provision that allows a person 70 years old or older, who is medically diagnosed with a disability that precludes renewal of their Class "D" or "E" driver's license in person, to renew their license by mail and requires a sworn affidavit by a physician certifying such person possesses all cognitive functions reasonably necessary to be a prudent driver.
4. Add provisions that specify that the full cost of implementing and performing functions relative to the blood type program for driver's licenses and identification cards is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, through a reallocation of existing budget resources of the department and not through additional appropriations.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides relative to driver's licenses and special identification cards issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services. Provides relative to certain information to be included on the front of each.

Proposed law authorizes a blood type designation to be included on the front of a person's driver's license or special identification card. Requires the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services. Requires that the full cost of implementing and performing the provisions relative to the blood type programs in proposed law shall be the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, through a reallocation of existing budget resources of the department and not through additional appropriations.

Present law allows a person in grade nine to participate in driver education 90 days prior to his 15th birthday.

Proposed law changes present law to allow a person in grade eight, instead of nine, to participate in driver education.

Present law allows renewal of a Class "D" or "E" driver's license by mail or electronic commerce in certain circumstances.

Proposed law authorizes a person 70 years old or older, who is medically diagnosed with a disability that precludes renewal of their Class "D" or "E" driver's license in person, to renew their license by mail and if the person is 70 years or older requires a sworn affidavit by a physician certifying such person possesses all cognitive functions reasonably necessary to be a prudent driver.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 32:402.1(D); Adds R.S. 32:410(D), 412(D)(3)(f) and (4)(d) and R.S. 40:1321(N))