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SB 152 Reengrossed

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Proposed law provides that upon request of an applicant for a driver's license or a special identification card who needs accommodation, a designation that the applicant needs accommodation will be exhibited on the driver's license or special identification card, upon presentation of a statement from a qualified medical professional licensed in the state or any U.S. state or territory verifying the medical reason, including any mental, physical, or developmental disability, the applicant needs accommodation as established by administrative rule and prohibits any additional fee for such designation.

Proposed law authorizes the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law and such rules and regulations must be effective no later than July 1, 2018.

Proposed law provides that the designation authorized by proposed law will not be available until the administrative rules are in effect.

Present law requires the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop a training course on law enforcement interaction with persons with mental illness and persons with developmental disabilities and provides for full implementation of the course by Aug. 1, 2006, provided funding is available.

Proposed law changes present law to provide for full implementation of the course by Aug. 1, 2018.

Effective Aug. 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.5(D); Adds R.S. 32:412(O) and R.S. 40:1321(R); Repeals R.S. 40:2405.5(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the engrossed bill

1. Change designation from "Special Needs" to "Needs Accommodation".
2. Require applicant to verify the reason the applicant needs accommodation.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Remove provisions requiring that the words "Needs Accommodation" be exhibited in the color black on the person's photograph on the driver's license or special identification card.
2. Add provision requiring the deputy secretary of DPSC to promulgate rules for the designation.
3. Require that rules become effective by July 1, 2018.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the reengrossed bill:

1. Delete the requirement that the statement from a qualified medical professional enabling an applicant to receive a needs accommodation designation be a sworn statement.
2. Clarify that the reason the applicant provides for accommodation approval must be a medical reason.