

Subject Establishing a limited driver's license for participants in treatment court

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Overview

Under current law, the commissioner of public safety can issue a limited license to a person whose license has been suspended, revoked, cancelled, or denied for most reasons. A limited license may only be used for purposes specified in statute. Those reasons are related to employment, school, attending substance use treatment, and tasks by a homemaker to meet certain family needs. The commissioner has the authority to specify when and where a limited license is considered valid.

This bill authorizes the commissioner to issue a limited license to individuals participating in treatment court. Use of such a license is related to the person's participation in court hearings and other activities ordered by the court.

Summary

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| 1 | Conditions of issuance.
Authorizes the commissioner of public safety to issue a limited license to a participant in treatment court. |
| 2 | Treatment court participants.
Establishes specific guidelines for a limited license issued to a treatment court participant. Requires that the limited license permits a participant to attend treatment court and attend any counseling programs, sober support activities, community service events, and any other program or activity required by a court. Requires treatment court coordinators to verify a participant's status and any required activities upon request from law enforcement or the Department of Public Safety. Requires the treatment court coordinator to notify the Department of Public Safety if a person is terminated from the treatment court program. |

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3	Treatment court; data classification. Classifies any court records and information on driving restrictions for limited license holders who are in treatment court as private data on individuals, but authorizes disclosure to law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.



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