

Subject Driving privileges; diabetes

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Overview

This bill eliminates an administrative rule governing medical statements and potential loss of driving privileges for a person who has been diagnosed with diabetes or has experienced loss of voluntary consciousness or control due to hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia. It provides expedited rulemaking authority for the Department of Public Safety to make conforming changes in an administrative rule on a waiver for school bus drivers who have diabetes. (Expedited rulemaking involves some of the same notice and comment steps as customary rulemaking, but there is not an opportunity for public hearing.)

Among its provisions, the administrative rule being repealed requires reporting upon diagnosis or an episode of loss of consciousness or control, mandates regular physician's statements regarding treatment and qualification to drive (at different frequencies depending on the length of time since the last episode), and sets license suspension or cancellation for various periods depending on the circumstances.

A more general administrative rule on loss of consciousness or control is unchanged.