

HB 1675 -- SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 6 to 3.

Currently, school bus drivers provide an annual statement from a medical examiner certifying that they can safely operate a school bus. This bill extends the time period to not longer than two years if a medical examiner approved by the Department of Transportation agrees to issue such certification instead of a one year certification statement. The department may promulgate rules to enforce the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will save expense and time for bus drivers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon; Donald Fowler; and Jason Hayden.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.