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Governor Abbott Signs Legislation Passed by Rep. Todd Hunter to Establish Statewide Rules for Delivery Network Companies

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) – Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 4215 by State Representative Todd Hunter into law to create a consistent and statewide regulatory framework for delivery network companies (DNCs) in Texas. The bill modernizes Texas law to better reflect the growing role of on-demand delivery services in communities across the state.

Delivery network companies like DoorDash, Uber Eats, Favor, Grubhub, and Instacart connect customers to drivers through digital platforms for the delivery of goods, offering vital support to those with limited mobility, the elderly, and busy families. However, inconsistent local regulations have created confusion for consumers and companies alike.

“By passing HB 4215, we are helping to ensure that Texans have reliable access to safe and efficient delivery services,” said Rep. Hunter. “I thank Governor Abbott for signing this important legislation into law and supporting a common-sense approach to statewide regulation.”

Highlights of HB 4215:

- Brings delivery network companies under the existing regulatory framework for transportation network companies.
- Requires DNCs to obtain a state-issued occupational permit to operate.
- Sets uniform standards for background checks and driver qualifications.
- Mandates nondiscrimination policies and protections for individuals with disabilities.
- Clarifies that delivery persons are independent contractors under defined conditions.
- Prohibits municipalities and local governments from creating conflicting or duplicative regulations.

House Bill 4215 takes effect on **September 1, 2025**, ensuring delivery services can continue to expand responsibly and uniformly throughout Texas.

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State Rep. Todd Hunter of House District 32 represents Nueces and Aransas Counties. He is the Chairman of the House Calendars Committee. He also serves on the House Committees on Land & Resource Management, Public Education, and the Subcommittee on Academic and Career-Oriented Education.