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H.B. No. 368

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a driver's license to a state legislator
or prosecutor that includes an alternative to the license holder's
residence address.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 521.1211, Transportation Code, is
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.1211. DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR PEACE OFFICERS, STATE
LEGISLATORS, AND PROSECUTORS [~~OFFICER~~]. (a) In this section:

(1) "Peace [~~peace~~]" officer" has the meaning
assigned by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, except that
the term includes a special investigator as defined by Article
2.122, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(2) "Prosecutor" means a county attorney, district
attorney, criminal district attorney, assistant county attorney,
assistant district attorney, or assistant criminal district
attorney.

(a-1) This section applies only to:

(1) a peace officer;

(2) a state legislator; and

(3) a prosecutor.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 521.121(a), the department by
rule shall adopt procedures for the issuance of a driver's license
to an applicant [~~a peace officer~~] that omits the license holder's

1 actual residence address and includes, as an alternative, an
2 address described under Subsection (f) [~~that is acceptable to the~~
3 ~~department and is in the~~.

4 [~~(1) municipality or county of the peace officer's~~
5 ~~residence, or~~

6 [~~(2) county of the peace officer's place of~~
7 ~~employment]~~.

8 (c) To be issued a driver's license under this section, an
9 applicant [~~a peace officer~~] must apply to the department and
10 provide sufficient evidence acceptable to the department to
11 establish the applicant's status as a person described under
12 Subsection (a-1) [~~peace officer~~]. On issuance of the license, the
13 license holder shall surrender any other driver's license issued to
14 the holder by the department.

15 (d) If the holder of a driver's license that includes an
16 alternative address moves to a new residence, or, for a state
17 legislator or prosecutor, to a new office address, or if the name of
18 the person is changed by marriage or otherwise, the license holder
19 shall, not later than the 30th day after the date of the address or
20 name change, notify the department and provide the department with
21 the number of the person's driver's license and, as applicable, the
22 person's:

23 (1) former and new addresses; or

24 (2) former and new names.

25 (e) If the holder of a driver's license that includes an
26 alternative address ceases to be a person described by Subsection
27 (a-1) [~~peace officer~~], the license holder shall, not later than the

1 30th day after the date of the status change, apply to the
2 department for issuance of a duplicate license. The duplicate
3 license must include the person's actual current residence address.

4 (f) The department shall accept as an alternative address:

5 (1) for a peace officer, an address that is in the:

6 (A) municipality or county of the peace officer's
7 residence; or

8 (B) county of the peace officer's place of
9 employment;

10 (2) for a state legislator, the address of an office of
11 the legislator; and

12 (3) for a prosecutor, the address of an office of the
13 prosecutor.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.