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H.B. No. 4514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Department of Public Safety image verification system for the purpose of verifying an individual's identity; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.059(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The department shall use the image verification system established under this section only to the extent allowed by:

(1) Section 521.0591 to verify an individual's identity; and

(2) Chapter 730~~[, Transportation Code]~~ to aid other law enforcement agencies in:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ establishing the identity of a victim of a disaster or crime that a local law enforcement agency is unable to establish; or

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ conducting an investigation of criminal conduct.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.0591 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.0591. USE OF IMAGE VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR IDENTITY VERIFICATION. (a) The department may, on request of any person, verify the identity of an individual by comparing a facial image of the individual to facial images contained in the image

1 verification system established under Section 521.059. The  
2 department may comply with a request under this section only if the  
3 request includes:

4 (1) a facial image and the name of the individual who  
5 is the subject of the identity verification request;

6 (2) the written consent of the individual described by  
7 Subdivision (1); and

8 (3) the fee described by Subsection (c).

9 (b) The department may refuse to provide an identity  
10 verification under this section for any reason.

11 (c) The department by rule shall establish a fee for the  
12 submission of an identity verification request under this section  
13 in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the department's  
14 compliance with this section, including the direct and indirect  
15 costs associated with the department's use of the image  
16 verification system.

17 (d) This section does not authorize the disclosure of an  
18 image contained in the image verification system established under  
19 Section 521.059 to any person.

20 (e) Information submitted to the department as part of an  
21 identity verification request under this section, including all  
22 images and personal identifying information, is confidential and  
23 not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

24 (f) The department shall, promptly after conducting an  
25 identity verification or refusing to conduct an identity  
26 verification under this section, destroy all information submitted  
27 as part of the identity verification request.

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1           SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Department  
2 of Public Safety shall adopt the rules necessary to implement  
3 Section 521.0591, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

4           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.