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S.B. No. 680

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the notification of a peace officer through an  
3 indication associated with vehicle registration that a person has a  
4 health condition or disability that may impede effective  
5 communication.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 502.061, Transportation Code, is amended  
8 by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to  
9 read as follows:

10 (a) An application for registration must provide space for  
11 the applicant to voluntarily indicate that the applicant has a  
12 health condition or disability that may impede effective  
13 communication with a peace officer. The department may request  
14 from a person who makes an indication under this subsection  
15 verification of a condition in the form of a written statement from,  
16 as appropriate for the person's condition or disability, a [+

17 ~~[(1) for a physical health condition, a written~~  
18 ~~statement from a] licensed physician, [~~+~~ or~~

19 ~~[(2) for a mental health condition, a written~~  
20 ~~statement from a licensed physician, a] licensed psychologist, [~~or~~  
21 ~~a] non-physician mental health professional, as defined by Section~~  
22 571.003, Health and Safety Code, speech-language pathologist,  
23 occupational therapist, audiologist, school psychologist, or other  
24 health care provider.~~

1           (b) For each person who voluntarily indicated on an  
2 application under Subsection (a) that the person has a health  
3 condition or disability that may impede effective communication,  
4 the [The] department shall:

5                 (1) provide to the Department of Public Safety the  
6 vehicle registration information of the person; and

7                 (2) inform the Department of Public Safety whether the  
8 person's health condition or disability is categorized as:

9                         (A) a speech or language impairment;

10                        (B) a hearing impairment; or

11                        (C) autism spectrum disorder.

12           **(b-1)** Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [a person  
13 who voluntarily indicated on an application under Subsection (a)  
14 that the person has a health condition or disability that may impede  
15 effective communication. The] department may not provide to the  
16 Department of Public Safety information that shows the type of  
17 health condition or disability a person has.

18           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.