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H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the identification information required of an applicant for a driver's license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An application for an original license must state the applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory to the department. The department shall accept as proof of the applicant's identity an identity document that is issued by the government of another country, if that document bears the applicant's photograph, full name, and date of birth and the government of the other country has established reasonable mechanisms by which the department can verify the identity document. For purposes of this section, an identity document includes a passport, a consular identity document, and a national identity document. On the reverse side of a driver's license, the department shall print the license holder's country of citizenship and indicate the country of citizenship by a uniform symbol or code on the face of the license in the space where the department indicates a restriction or endorsement.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect November 1, 2003.