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H.B. No. 45

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the identification information required of an applicant
3 for a driver's license.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect February 1, 2004.