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H.B. No. 479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to registration with the Selective Service System of
3 certain applicants for a driver's license or personal
4 identification certificate.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 521.147, Transportation Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 521.147. [~~OPTIONAL~~] REGISTRATION WITH SELECTIVE
9 SERVICE SYSTEM. (a) After an application for an original, renewal,
10 or duplicate driver's license or personal identification
11 certificate is submitted by a male applicant who on the date of the
12 application is at least 18 years of age but younger than 26 years of
13 age, the department shall send in an electronic format to the United
14 States Selective Service System the information from the
15 application necessary to register the applicant under the Military
16 Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. Section 451 et seq.), as
17 amended.

18 (b) Before accepting an application from an applicant to
19 which this section applies, the department shall notify the
20 applicant that the application for a driver's license or personal
21 identification certificate also constitutes registration with the
22 United States Selective Service System for persons who are subject
23 to registration and who have not previously registered. The
24 applicant's submission of the application following this

1 notification constitutes the applicant's consent to the sending of
2 the information and the registration. [~~The department shall develop~~
3 ~~by rule a selective service consent statement as a part of the~~
4 ~~application for an original, renewal, or duplicate driver's license~~
5 ~~or personal identification certificate. The consent statement must~~
6 ~~include a place to indicate consent or declination to register with~~
7 ~~the United States Selective Service System and must state the~~
8 ~~benefits and penalties associated with consent or declination to~~
9 ~~register. The department shall present the statement to each~~
10 ~~applicant who is subject to registration with the Selective Service~~
11 ~~System and record the applicant's response. A response is required~~
12 ~~to complete the application for a license or certificate for such an~~
13 ~~applicant. The department shall forward to the Selective Service~~
14 ~~System, in an electronic format, only the information necessary for~~
15 ~~registration of an applicant consenting to registration.]~~

16 (c) [~~(b)~~] In addition to the notification [~~statement~~]
17 required by Subsection (b) [~~(a)~~], the department may conspicuously
18 post at each location where applications for driver's licenses and
19 personal identification certificates are accepted one or more
20 signs, in English and Spanish, providing the information contained
21 in the notification [~~statement~~].

22 (d) This section does not apply to an applicant concerning
23 whom the department has previously sent information to the
24 Selective Service System under Subsection (a).

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
26 applies only to an application submitted on or after that date.