

1-1 By: Hunter, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Armbrister) H.B. No. 479
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 18, 2003;
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1-4 Infrastructure Development and Security; May 23, 2003, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 479 By: Ogden

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to registration with the Selective Service System of
1-11 certain applicants for a driver's license or personal
1-12 identification certificate.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 521.147, Transportation Code, is amended
1-15 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 521.147. [~~OPTIONAL~~] REGISTRATION WITH SELECTIVE
1-17 SERVICE SYSTEM. (a) An application for an original, renewal, or
1-18 duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate
1-19 to be submitted by a male applicant who on the date of the
1-20 application is at least 18 years of age but younger than 26 years of
1-21 age shall include the following notice:

1-22 "SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

1-23 "In accordance with federal law, every male United States citizen
1-24 or immigrant who is at least 18 years of age must register with the
1-25 United States Selective Service System. You must be registered to
1-26 qualify for federal student aid (including the Pell Grant), job
1-27 training, federal employment, and citizenship, if an immigrant. In
1-28 Texas, you must be registered to qualify for state college student
1-29 aid or state employment. If convicted, failure to register with the
1-30 Selective Service System is a felony punishable by up to five years
1-31 in prison and/or a fine of up to \$250,000. If not registered by age
1-32 26, you can no longer register and may permanently lose those
1-33 benefits associated with registration.

1-34 "YES. By submitting this application, I am consenting to
1-35 register with the United States Selective Service System, as
1-36 required by law.

1-37 "NO. I have already registered.

1-38 "NO. I am not required by federal law to register.

1-39 "NO. I understand that registration with the United States
1-40 Selective Service System is federal law, and I further understand
1-41 the penalties associated with noncompliance. However, I do not
1-42 desire to register with the United States Selective Service System
1-43 because I am an objector of conscience."

1-44 (b) The department shall present the notice to each
1-45 applicant to which this section applies and record the applicant's
1-46 response. A response is required to complete the application for a
1-47 license or certificate for such an applicant. The department shall
1-48 forward to the Selective Service System, in an electronic format,
1-49 the information necessary for registration of an applicant not
1-50 declining to register.

1-51 (c) ~~[The department shall develop by rule a selective~~
1-52 ~~service consent statement as a part of the application for an~~
1-53 ~~original, renewal, or duplicate driver's license or personal~~
1-54 ~~identification certificate. The consent statement must include a~~
1-55 ~~place to indicate consent or declination to register with the~~
1-56 ~~United States Selective Service System and must state the benefits~~
1-57 ~~and penalties associated with consent or declination to register.~~
1-58 ~~The department shall present the statement to each applicant who is~~
1-59 ~~subject to registration with the Selective Service System and~~
1-60 ~~record the applicant's response. A response is required to~~
1-61 ~~complete the application for a license or certificate for such an~~
1-62 ~~applicant. The department shall forward to the Selective Service~~
1-63 ~~System, in an electronic format, only the information necessary for~~

2-1 ~~registration of an applicant consenting to registration.~~
2-2 [~~(b)~~] In addition to the notification [~~statement~~] required
2-3 by Subsection (b) [~~(a)~~], the department may conspicuously post at
2-4 each location where applications for driver's licenses and personal
2-5 identification certificates are accepted one or more signs, in
2-6 English and Spanish, providing the information contained in the
2-7 notification [~~statement~~].

2-8 (d) This section does not apply to an applicant concerning
2-9 whom the department has previously sent information to the
2-10 Selective Service System under Subsection (b).

2-11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
2-12 applies only to an application submitted on or after that date.

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