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H.B. No. 1330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to medical information on a driver's license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.125, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.125. MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON LICENSE.

(a) On the reverse side of a driver's license, the department shall:

(1) print:

(A) "Allergic Reaction to Drugs: \_\_\_\_\_";

(B) "Directive to physician has been filed at tel. #"; ~~and~~

(C) "Emergency contact tel. #"; and

(D) if space allows, any medical information provided by the license holder under Section 521.142(h);

(2) include to the right of the statements under Subdivisions (1)(B) and (C) a surface on which the license holder may write the appropriate telephone number; and

(3) include to the left of each of the statements under Subdivisions (1)(B) and (C) a box that the license holder may use to indicate for what purpose the telephone number applies.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a)(1)(D), if space allows, the department shall indicate any medical information by a uniform symbol or code on the face of the

1 license in the space where the department indicates a restriction  
2 or endorsement.

3 SECTION 2. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended  
4 by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (h) to read as  
5 follows:

6 (f) Information supplied to the department relating to an  
7 applicant's medical history is for the confidential use of the  
8 department and may not be disclosed to any person or used as  
9 evidence in a legal proceeding other than a proceeding under  
10 Subchapter N. This subsection does not apply to information  
11 provided by an applicant under Subsection (h).

12 (h) The application must provide space for the applicant to  
13 voluntarily list any health condition that may impede communication  
14 with a peace officer as evidenced by a written statement from a  
15 licensed physician.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004.