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

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

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

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

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

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