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S.B. No. 77

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (i) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) An application for an original license must state the
9 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information
10 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory
11 to the department. The department shall accept as proof of the
12 applicant's identity:

13 (1) a passport issued by a foreign jurisdiction
14 accompanied by an identification card from the country of origin
15 bearing the applicant's photograph; or

16 (2) an identification card issued to a national
17 residing in this state by the consulate of the applicant's country
18 of origin accompanied by an identification card from the country of
19 origin bearing the applicant's photograph.

20 (a-1) Subsection (a) does not require the department to
21 accept an identity document issued by a country that has been
22 designated by the United States secretary of state as a state
23 sponsor of terrorism. The governor or a person designated by the
24 governor may make exceptions to the application of this subsection.

1 (i) This subsection applies only to an applicant who does
2 not have a social security number and is not eligible to be issued a
3 social security number. In lieu of a social security number, the
4 department may allow the applicant to provide an affidavit
5 attesting that the applicant is not eligible for a social security
6 number. The affidavit must be on a form adopted by the department.
7 The department shall include on the form a notice of the penalties
8 under Section 37.10, Penal Code, for making or filing an
9 application containing a false statement. An applicant who is
10 subsequently issued a social security number shall notify the
11 department in writing of the issuance and provide the social
12 security number to the department not later than the 30th day after
13 the date of issuance.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.