

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the information contained on a driver's license or  
3 personal identification certificate.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 521.001, Transportation  
6 Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7-a) to read as follows:

7 (7-a) "Race or ethnicity" means of a particular  
8 descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native  
9 American descent.

10 SECTION 2. Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is amended  
11 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

12 (j) A personal identification certificate must include the  
13 race or ethnicity of the holder. A holder must be informed of the  
14 right to elect not to have the holder's race or ethnicity stated on  
15 the holder's personal identification certificate.

16 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 521.121, Transportation  
17 Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The driver's license must include:

19 (1) a distinguishing number assigned by the department  
20 to the license holder;

21 (2) a color photograph of the entire face of the  
22 holder;

23 (3) the full name, date of birth, and residence  
24 address of the holder; ~~and~~

- 1           (4) a brief description of the holder; and  
2           (5) the race or ethnicity of the holder. A holder must  
3 be informed of the right to elect not to have the holder's race or  
4 ethnicity stated on the holder's driver's license.

5           SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 521.142, Transportation  
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7           (c) The application must state:

8           (1) the sex of the applicant;

9           (2) the residence address of the applicant;

10          (3) whether the applicant has been licensed to drive a  
11 motor vehicle before;

12          (4) if previously licensed, when and by what state or  
13 country;

14          (5) whether that license has been suspended or revoked  
15 or a license application denied;

16          (6) the date and reason for the suspension,  
17 revocation, or denial;

18          (7) whether the applicant is a citizen of the United  
19 States; ~~and~~

20          (8) the county of residence of the applicant; and

21          (9) the race or ethnicity of the applicant. The  
22 applicant must be informed of the right to elect not to have the  
23 applicant's race or ethnicity stated on the application.

24           SECTION 5. This Act applies only to a driver's license or  
25 personal identification certificate for which an original or  
26 renewal application is submitted on or after the effective date of  
27 this Act.

1 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.