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S.B. No. 250

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. Section 521.001(a), Transportation Code, is
6 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.

14 SECTION 3. Section 521.121(a), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

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

17 (1) a distinguishing number assigned by the department
18 to the license holder;

19 (2) a color photograph of the entire face of the
20 holder;

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

23 (4) a brief description of the holder; and

24 (5) the race or ethnicity of the holder.

1 SECTION 4. Section 521.142(c), Transportation Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (c) The application must state:

4 (1) the sex of the applicant;

5 (2) the residence address of the applicant;

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

8 (4) if previously licensed, when and by what state or
9 country;

10 (5) whether that license has been suspended or revoked
11 or a license application denied;

12 (6) the date and reason for the suspension,
13 revocation, or denial;

14 (7) whether the applicant is a citizen of the United
15 States; ~~and~~

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

17 (9) the race or ethnicity of the applicant.

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

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