

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 250  
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and  
1-4 Homeland Security; March 31, 2005, reported favorably by the  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the information contained on a driver's license or  
1-9 personal identification certificate.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 521.001, Transportation  
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (7-a) to read as follows:

1-13 (7-a) "Race or ethnicity" means of a particular  
1-14 descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native  
1-15 American descent.

1-16 SECTION 2. Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-17 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-18 (j) A personal identification certificate must include the  
1-19 race or ethnicity of the holder.

1-20 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 521.121, Transportation  
1-21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 (a) The driver's license must include:

1-23 (1) a distinguishing number assigned by the department  
1-24 to the license holder;

1-25 (2) a color photograph of the entire face of the  
1-26 holder;

1-27 (3) the full name, date of birth, and residence  
1-28 address of the holder; ~~and~~

1-29 (4) a brief description of the holder; and

1-30 (5) the race or ethnicity of the holder.

1-31 SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 521.142, Transportation  
1-32 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-33 (c) The application must state:

1-34 (1) the sex of the applicant;

1-35 (2) the residence address of the applicant;

1-36 (3) whether the applicant has been licensed to drive a  
1-37 motor vehicle before;

1-38 (4) if previously licensed, when and by what state or  
1-39 country;

1-40 (5) whether that license has been suspended or revoked  
1-41 or a license application denied;

1-42 (6) the date and reason for the suspension,  
1-43 revocation, or denial;

1-44 (7) whether the applicant is a citizen of the United  
1-45 States; ~~and~~

1-46 (8) the county of residence of the applicant; and

1-47 (9) the race or ethnicity of the applicant.

1-48 SECTION 5. This Act applies only to a driver's license or  
1-49 personal identification certificate for which an original or  
1-50 renewal application is submitted on or after the effective date of  
1-51 this Act.

1-52 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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