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H.B. No. 256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the identification information required of an applicant  
3 for a driver's 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 Subsection (a-1) to read as  
7 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 must accept the following  
12 documents as satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection:

13 (1) an offender identification card or similar form of  
14 identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of  
15 Criminal Justice; or

16 (2) an identity document that is issued by the  
17 government of another country, if that document bears the  
18 applicant's photograph, full name, and date of birth and the  
19 government of the other country has established reasonable  
20 mechanisms by which the department can verify the identity  
21 document.

22 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), an identity  
23 document includes a passport, a consular identity document, and a  
24 national identity document that complies with federal law.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.