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H.B. No. 1604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the identification information required of applicants  
3 for a driver's license or for certain public benefits, public  
4 services, or governmental employment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended  
7 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

8 (i) The department may not accept, recognize, or rely on an  
9 identity document issued to an applicant by a consular office or  
10 consular official of another country, including a matricula  
11 consular issued by a consular office of the United Mexican States  
12 located in this country, as primary, secondary, or supporting proof  
13 of the applicant's identity.

14 SECTION 2. Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, is  
15 amended by adding Chapter 2057 to read as follows:

16 CHAPTER 2057. RECOGNITION OF CONSULAR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

17 Sec. 2057.001. GOVERNMENTAL RECOGNITION OF CONSULAR  
18 IDENTITY DOCUMENT OF APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT OR SERVICE. In  
19 the provision by an agency or political subdivision of this state of  
20 a public benefit or service that requires the applicant for or  
21 recipient of the public benefit or service to verify the  
22 applicant's or recipient's identity, the agency or political  
23 subdivision may not accept, recognize, or rely on an identity  
24 document issued to the applicant or recipient by a consular office

1 or consular official of another country, including a matricula  
2 consular issued by a consular office of the United Mexican States  
3 located in this country, as primary, secondary, or supporting  
4 evidence of the applicant's or recipient's identity.

5 Sec. 2057.002. GOVERNMENTAL RECOGNITION OF CONSULAR  
6 IDENTITY DOCUMENT OF APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. An agency or  
7 political subdivision of this state may not accept, recognize, or  
8 rely on an identity document issued to the applicant by a consular  
9 office or consular official of another country, including a  
10 matricula consular issued by a consular office of the United  
11 Mexican States located in this country, as primary, secondary, or  
12 supporting evidence of the identity of an applicant for employment  
13 by the agency or political subdivision.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.