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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the issuance of a driver's license to a person  
3 presenting certain identity documents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 521.127 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 521.127. APPEARANCE OF LICENSE ISSUED TO CERTAIN  
8 PERSONS. On each original, renewed, or duplicate driver's license  
9 issued to a person who presents as proof of identity with an  
10 application for an original license a document under Section  
11 521.142(a)(2), the department shall orient the information on the  
12 license in the same manner that the department orients information  
13 on a driver's license issued to a person who is under 21 years of  
14 age.

15 SECTION 2. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended  
16 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
17 follows:

18 (a) An application for an original license must state the  
19 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information  
20 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory  
21 to the department. The department must accept the following  
22 documents as satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection:

23 (1) an offender identification card or similar form of  
24 identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of

1 Criminal Justice; or

2 (2) an identity document that is issued by the  
3 government of another country, if that document bears the  
4 applicant's photograph, full name, and date of birth and the  
5 government of the other country has established reasonable  
6 mechanisms by which the department can verify the identity  
7 document.

8 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), an identity  
9 document includes a passport, a consular identity document, and a  
10 national identity document.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.