

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure by the Texas Department of Public Safety to appraisal districts of driver's license records and personal identification certificate records, or certain information in those records, for use in determining an individual's eligibility for a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.049, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) To assist chief appraisers in determining the eligibility of individuals for residence homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxation under Section 11.13, Tax Code, the department shall provide, without charge, to the chief appraiser of each appraisal district in this state:

(1) a copy of each driver's license record or personal identification certificate record held by the department; or

(2) information relating to the name, date of birth, driver's license or personal identification certificate number, and most recent address as shown in the records of individuals included in the department's driver's license or personal identification certificate records.

(e) A driver's license record or personal identification certificate record provided under Subsection (d)(1) may not include information relating to an individual's social security number or

1 any accident or conviction information about an individual.

2 SECTION 2. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending
3 Subsection (m) and adding Subsection (m-1) to read as follows:

4 (m) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (k), a person who
5 receives an exemption under Section 11.13, other than an exemption
6 under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or
7 older, in a tax year is entitled to receive an exemption under
8 Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older
9 in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the
10 exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as
11 shown by:

12 (1) information in the records of the appraisal
13 district that was provided to the appraisal district by the
14 individual in an application for an exemption under Section 11.13
15 on the property or in correspondence relating to the property; or

16 (2) the information provided by the Texas Department
17 of Public Safety to the appraisal district under Section 521.049,
18 Transportation Code.

19 (m-1) Subsection (m) [~~This subsection~~] does not apply if the
20 chief appraiser determines that the individual is no longer
21 entitled to any exemption under Section 11.13 on the property.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3514 was passed by the House on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3514 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor