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H.B. No. 3514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the disclosure by the Texas Department of Public Safety  
3 to appraisal districts of name, date of birth, and address  
4 information for use in determining a person's eligibility for a  
5 residence homestead exemption for the elderly.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 521.049, Transportation Code, is amended  
8 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

9 (d) At the end of each calendar year, the department shall  
10 provide, without charge, information relating to the name, date of  
11 birth, and most recent address as shown in department records of  
12 each person who attained or will attain the age of 65 in that year to  
13 the chief appraiser of the appraisal district that appraises  
14 property for the county in which the person's address is located.

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

17 (m) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (k), a person who  
18 receives an exemption under Section 11.13, other than an exemption  
19 under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or  
20 older, in a tax year is entitled to receive an exemption under  
21 Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older  
22 in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the  
23 exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as  
24 shown by:

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

5           (2) the information provided by the Texas Department  
6 of Public Safety to the appraisal district under Section 521.049,  
7 Transportation Code.

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

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