

1-1 By: Rodriguez (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 3514
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Finance;
1-4 May 17, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 13,
1-5 Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the disclosure by the Texas Department of Public Safety
1-9 to appraisal districts of driver's license records and personal
1-10 identification certificate records, or certain information in
1-11 those records, for use in determining an individual's eligibility
1-12 for a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 521.049, Transportation Code, is amended
1-15 by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-16 (d) To assist chief appraisers in determining the
1-17 eligibility of individuals for residence homestead exemptions from
1-18 ad valorem taxation under Section 11.13, Tax Code, the department
1-19 shall provide, without charge, to the chief appraiser of each
1-20 appraisal district in this state:

1-21 (1) a copy of each driver's license record or personal
1-22 identification certificate record held by the department; or

1-23 (2) information relating to the name, date of birth,
1-24 driver's license or personal identification certificate number,
1-25 and most recent address as shown in the records of individuals
1-26 included in the department's driver's license or personal
1-27 identification certificate records.

1-28 (e) A driver's license record or personal identification
1-29 certificate record provided under Subsection (d)(1) may not include
1-30 information relating to an individual's social security number or
1-31 any accident or conviction information about an individual.

1-32 SECTION 2. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending
1-33 Subsection (m) and adding Subsection (m-1) to read as follows:

1-34 (m) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (k), a person who
1-35 receives an exemption under Section 11.13, other than an exemption
1-36 under Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or
1-37 older, in a tax year is entitled to receive an exemption under
1-38 Section 11.13(c) or (d) for an individual 65 years of age or older
1-39 in the next tax year on the same property without applying for the
1-40 exemption if the person becomes 65 years of age in that next year as
1-41 shown by:

1-42 (1) information in the records of the appraisal
1-43 district that was provided to the appraisal district by the
1-44 individual in an application for an exemption under Section 11.13
1-45 on the property or in correspondence relating to the property; or

1-46 (2) the information provided by the Texas Department
1-47 of Public Safety to the appraisal district under Section 521.049,
1-48 Transportation Code.

1-49 (m-1) Subsection (m) [~~This subsection~~] does not apply if the
1-50 chief appraiser determines that the individual is no longer
1-51 entitled to any exemption under Section 11.13 on the property.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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