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H.B. No. 193

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the identification information required of an applicant
3 for a driver's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
7 follows:

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

13 (1) an offender identification card or similar form of
14 identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of
15 Criminal Justice; or

16 (2) an identity document that is issued by the
17 government of another country, if that document bears the
18 applicant's photograph, full name, and date of birth and the
19 government of the other country has established reasonable
20 mechanisms by which the department can verify the identity
21 document.

22 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), an identity
23 document includes a passport, a consular identity document, and a
24 national identity document that complies with federal law.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.