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H.B. No. 976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the proof of identity required of an applicant for a
3 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 Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsections (d-1)
7 and (d-2) to read as follows:

8 (a) An application for an original license must state the
9 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This
10 information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity
11 that complies with Subsection (d-1) or (d-2), as applicable
12 [satisfactory to the department]. If the applicant does not
13 present such proof of identity, the department may not issue the
14 license. [The department must accept as satisfactory proof of
15 identity under this subsection an offender identification card or
16 similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the Texas
17 Department of Criminal Justice.]

18 (d-1) If the application indicates that the applicant is a
19 citizen of the United States, the applicant must provide to the
20 department for inspection one of the following documents:

21 (1) a birth certificate issued by:

22 (A) an agency of the United States; or

23 (B) a state or territory of the United States, or
24 the District of Columbia;

1 (2) a Certificate of United States Citizenship;

2 (3) a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of
3 the United States;

4 (4) an unexpired United States passport;

5 (5) a Certificate of United States Naturalization;

6 (6) an unexpired United States Military
7 Identification Card; or

8 (7) a United States Citizen Identification Card.

9 (d-2) If the application indicates that the applicant is not
10 a citizen of the United States, the applicant must provide to the
11 department for inspection one of the following documents:

12 (1) a Permanent Resident Alien Card;

13 (2) an unexpired passport issued by another country
14 with "Processed for I-551" stamp;

15 (3) a Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit;

16 (4) an Arrival-Departure Form I-94 that bears the
17 holder's photograph with "Temporary I-551" stamp;

18 (5) a Travel Document issued to Permanent Residents;

19 (6) a Travel Document issued to Refugees; or

20 (7) a Form I-94 with "Asylee," "Parolee or Parole,"
21 "Refugee," "Asylum," "HP-Humanitarian Parolee," or "PIP-Public
22 Interest Parolee" stamp.

23 (e) The application must include any other information the
24 department requires to determine the applicant's [~~identity~~]
25 competency[~~7~~] and eligibility.

26 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
27 an application for a driver's license filed on or after the

1 effective date of this Act. An application for a driver's license
2 filed before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in
3 effect on the date of filing, and that law is continued in effect
4 for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.