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H.B. No. 2161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of a personal identification certificate
3 to present or former inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal
4 Justice.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 501.0165 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 501.0165. IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE. (a) Not later
9 than the 90th day before the date an inmate is transferred to
10 pre-parole status, the department shall request a personal
11 identification certificate from the Texas Department of Public
12 Safety for the inmate if the inmate does not possess a valid
13 driver's license or personal identification certificate.

14 (b) The department shall send a certified copy of the
15 offender identification card or similar form of identification to
16 the Texas Department of Public Safety with a current photograph of
17 the inmate.

18 (c) On receipt of the personal identification certificate
19 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the department shall
20 verify the information on the certificate and request any necessary
21 change.

22 (d) The department shall pay any fee associated with
23 obtaining the personal identification certificate out of funds
24 appropriated to the department for the project for reintegration of

1 offenders under Chapter 306, Labor Code.

2 SECTION 2. Section 521.101(d), Transportation Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (d) The department may require each applicant for an
5 original, renewal, or duplicate personal identification
6 certificate to furnish to the department the information required
7 by Section 521.142. The department must accept as satisfactory
8 proof of identity under this section an offender identification
9 card or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the
10 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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