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H.B. No. 2411

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the criminal penalty for unlawfully obtaining, lending,
3 possessing, or using a driver's license or personal identification
4 certificate.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 521.451(a), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Section 521.452, a person may not:

9 (1) ~~[display, cause or permit to be displayed, or have~~
10 ~~in the person's possession a driver's license or certificate that~~
11 ~~the person knows is fictitious or has been altered,~~

12 ~~[(2)]~~ lend the person's driver's license or
13 certificate to another person or knowingly permit another person to
14 use the person's driver's license or certificate;

15 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ display or represent as the person's own a
16 driver's license or certificate not issued to the person; or

17 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ possess more than one currently valid
18 driver's license or more than one currently valid certificate [~~or~~

19 ~~[(5) in an application for an original, renewal, or~~
20 ~~duplicate driver's license or certificate.~~

21 ~~[(A) provide a false name, false address, or a~~
22 ~~counterfeit document, or~~

23 ~~[(B) knowingly make a false statement, conceal a~~
24 ~~material fact, or otherwise commit fraud].~~

1 SECTION 2. Section 521.454(c), Transportation Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (c) An offense under this section is a felony of the third
4 degree [~~Class A misdemeanor~~].

5 SECTION 3. Section 521.455, Transportation Code, is
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
9 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
10 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
11 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
12 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
13 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
14 date.

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