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S.B. No. 1783

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of an offender identification card or similar form of identification as proof of identity for an applicant for a driver's license or commercial driver's license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An application for an original license must state the applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory to the department. ~~[The department must accept as satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection an offender identification card or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 522.021(c-1), Transportation Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for a driver's license or commercial driver's license submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a driver's license or commercial driver's license submitted before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.