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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1783 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the use of an offender identification card or similar
1-11 form of identification as proof of identity for an applicant for a
1-12 driver's license or commercial driver's license.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 521.142, Transportation
1-15 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) An application for an original license must state the
1-17 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information
1-18 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory
1-19 to the department. The department must accept as satisfactory
1-20 proof of identity under this subsection an offender identification
1-21 card or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the
1-22 Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the applicant also provides
1-23 supplemental verifiable records or documents that aid in
1-24 establishing identity.

1-25 SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
1-26 is amended by adding Section 521.1421 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 521.1421. INMATE IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION PILOT
1-28 PROGRAM. (a) The department shall participate in an inmate
1-29 identification verification pilot program for the purpose of
1-30 issuing driver's licenses and personal identification certificates
1-31 to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-32 (b) Under the pilot program, the department may:

1-33 (1) enter into a contract with the Texas Department of
1-34 Criminal Justice and the Department of State Health Services to
1-35 establish an identification verification process for inmates of the
1-36 Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

1-37 (2) issue a driver's license or a personal
1-38 identification certificate to an inmate whose identity has been
1-39 confirmed through the verification process and who otherwise meets
1-40 the requirements for the issuance of the driver's license or
1-41 personal identification certificate.

1-42 (c) At the conclusion of the pilot program the governing
1-43 bodies of the participating agencies may agree to continue the
1-44 pilot program on a permanent basis.

1-45 (d) Not later than December 1, 2010, the department and the
1-46 Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall jointly issue a report
1-47 to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction
1-48 over issues related to criminal justice and homeland security
1-49 addressing:

1-50 (1) the status of the pilot program;

1-51 (2) the effectiveness of the pilot program; and

1-52 (3) an analysis of the feasibility of implementing a
1-53 statewide program based on the pilot program.

1-54 SECTION 3. Subsection (c-1), Section 522.021,
1-55 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-56 (c-1) If the department requires proof of an applicant's
1-57 identity as part of an application under this section, the
1-58 department must accept as satisfactory proof of identity an
1-59 offender identification card or similar form of identification
1-60 issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if
1-61 the applicant also provides supplemental verifiable records or
1-62 documents that aid in establishing identity.

1-63 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

2-1 an application for a driver's license, commercial driver's license,
2-2 or personal identification certificate submitted on or after the
2-3 effective date of this Act. An application for a driver's license,
2-4 commercial driver's license, or personal identification
2-5 certificate submitted before the effective date of this Act is
2-6 subject to the law in effect on the date the application was
2-7 submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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