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H.B. No. 467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(k) Except as provided by this section, each personal identification certificate issued by the department:

(1) must:

(A) be in the same format;

(B) have the same appearance and orientation; and

(C) contain the same type of information; and

(2) may not include any information that this chapter does not reference or require.

SECTION 2. Section 521.121, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by this subchapter, each driver's license issued by the department:

(1) must:

(A) be in the same format;

(B) have the same appearance and orientation; and

(C) contain the same type of information; and

(2) may not include any information that this chapter does not reference or require.

1 SECTION 3. Section 521.181, Transportation Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 521.181. ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSE. (a) On
4 payment of the required fee, the department shall issue to each
5 qualifying applicant a driver's license of the class for which the
6 applicant has applied.

7 (b) The department may not deny the issuance of a driver's
8 license to an applicant who has otherwise established the
9 applicant's identity, domicile, competency, and eligibility for
10 the driver's license in compliance with the express provisions of
11 this chapter.

12 (c) The Public Safety Commission or the department may not
13 adopt or enforce a rule that is inconsistent with this section.

14 SECTION 4. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 522.030. CONTENT OF LICENSE. (a) A commercial
17 driver's license must:

- 18 (1) be marked "Commercial Driver License" or "CDL";
- 19 (2) be, to the extent practicable, tamper-proof; and
- 20 (3) include:
 - 21 (A) the name and mailing address of the person to
22 whom it is issued;
 - 23 (B) the person's color photograph;
 - 24 (C) a physical description of the person,
25 including sex, height, and eye color;
 - 26 (D) the person's date of birth;
 - 27 (E) a number or identifier the department

1 considers appropriate;

2 (F) the person's signature;

3 (G) each class of commercial motor vehicle that
4 the person is authorized to drive, with any endorsements or
5 restrictions;

6 (H) the name of this state; and

7 (I) the dates between which the license is valid.

8 (b) Except as provided by this subchapter, each commercial
9 driver's license issued by the department:

10 (1) must:

11 (A) be in the same format;

12 (B) have the same appearance and orientation; and

13 (C) contain the same type of information; and

14 (2) may not include any information that this chapter
15 does not reference or require.

16 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
17 a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal
18 identification certificate issued on or after the effective date of
19 this Act. A driver's license, commercial driver's license, or
20 personal identification certificate issued before the effective
21 date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date of
22 issuance, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.