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H.B. No. 598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring certain applicants for motor vehicle
3 registration to provide proof that the applicant holds a valid
4 driver's license.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 502.1536 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 502.1536. EVIDENCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSE. (a) Except as
9 provided by Subsection (d), a county assessor-collector may not
10 register a motor vehicle owned by an individual unless the owner
11 provides proof that the owner holds a driver's license issued under
12 Chapter 521 or a commercial driver's license issued under Chapter
13 522 that is valid at the time the application for registration is
14 presented to the county assessor-collector.

15 (b) The department shall by rule prescribe the form of proof
16 acceptable under this section.

17 (c) A county assessor-collector is not liable to any person
18 for refusing to register a motor vehicle because of the person's
19 failure to submit proof that the person holds a driver's license
20 issued under Chapter 521 or a currently valid commercial driver's
21 license issued under Chapter 522.

22 (d) This section does not apply to:

23 (1) a vehicle owned by an individual 65 years of age or
24 older;

1 (2) a vehicle owned by a person with a disability, as
2 defined by Section 3, Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (42
3 U.S.C. Section 12102);

4 (3) a vehicle owned by a nonresident who holds a
5 driver's license recognized under Section 521.030; or

6 (4) a vehicle registered under Section 501.0234.

7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an application for registration submitted to a county
9 assessor-collector on or after the effective date of this Act. An
10 application submitted to a county assessor-collector before the
11 effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the
12 date the application was submitted, and that law is continued in
13 effect for that purpose.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.