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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 person unless the
11 owner provides proof that the owner holds a driver's license issued
12 under Chapter 521 or a commercial driver's license issued under
13 Chapter 522 that is valid at the time the application for
14 registration is 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 currently valid
20 driver's license issued under Chapter 521 or a currently valid
21 commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 522.

22 (d) This section does not apply to:

23 (1) a vehicle owned by a person 85 years of age or
24 older; or

1 (2) a vehicle registered under Section 501.0234.

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

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