

1-1 By: Walle, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 710
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2011;
1-3 May 10, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 20, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to verification of identity of applicants for benefits
1-9 under and prevention of duplicate participation in the financial
1-10 assistance and supplemental nutrition assistance programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Human Resources Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 31.0326 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 31.0326. VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY AND PREVENTION OF
1-15 DUPLICATE PARTICIPATION. The Health and Human Services Commission
1-16 shall use appropriate technology to:

1-17 (1) confirm the identity of applicants for benefits
1-18 under the financial assistance program; and

1-19 (2) prevent duplicate participation in the program by
1-20 a person.

1-21 SECTION 2. Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is amended by
1-22 adding Section 33.0231 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 33.0231. VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY AND PREVENTION OF
1-24 DUPLICATE PARTICIPATION. The department shall use appropriate
1-25 technology to:

1-26 (1) confirm the identity of applicants for benefits
1-27 under the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and

1-28 (2) prevent duplicate participation in the program by
1-29 a person.

1-30 SECTION 3. Section 31.0325, Human Resources Code, is
1-31 repealed.

1-32 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act
1-33 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
1-34 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
1-35 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
1-36 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
1-37 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-38 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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