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H.B. No. 152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the identification information required of an applicant
3 for a driver's license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) An application for an original license must state the
9 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information
10 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory
11 to the department. An applicant who is not a citizen of the United
12 States must present to the department documentation issued by the
13 appropriate United States agency that authorizes the applicant to
14 be in the United States before the applicant may be issued a
15 driver's license. The department must accept the following
16 documents as satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection:

17 (1) an offender identification card or similar form of
18 identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of
19 Criminal Justice if the applicant also provides supplemental
20 verifiable records or documents that aid in establishing identity;
21 or

22 (2) an identity document that is issued by the
23 government of another country, if that document bears the
24 applicant's photograph, full name, and date of birth and the

1 government of the other country has established reasonable
2 mechanisms by which the department can verify the identity
3 document.

4 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(2), an identity
5 document includes a passport, a consular identity document, and a
6 national identity document that complies with federal law.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.