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H.B. No. 2496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety to allow blood pressure machines to be located in driver's license offices.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. AVAILABILITY OF BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINES

IN DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICES

Sec. 411.441. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Blood pressure machine" means a device that measures a person's blood pressure and displays the person's blood pressure reading.

(2) "Driver's license" has the meaning assigned by Section 521.001, Transportation Code.

Sec. 411.442. BLOOD PRESSURE MACHINE. (a) The department may allow a blood pressure machine to be located in an office authorized to issue driver's licenses in this state.

(b) A blood pressure machine described by Subsection (a):

(1) must be made available at no cost to the state; and

(2) may not display an advertisement.

(c) The department may not:

(1) require an applicant for a driver's license to obtain a blood pressure reading from a blood pressure machine

1 described by Subsection (a) as a condition of being issued a
2 driver's license; or

3 (2) charge a fee to obtain a blood pressure reading
4 from a blood pressure machine described by Subsection (a).

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.