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S.B. No. 1016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of driver's license and personal identification certificate services by license deputies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter T to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER T. LICENSE DEPUTIES

Sec. 521.501. AUTHORIZATION OF LICENSE DEPUTIES. (a) The department shall appoint employees of a county assessor-collector as license deputies and may appoint employees of other public or private entities as license deputies under contract with the entities.

(b) A license deputy may not issue a driver's license or personal identification certificate but may:

(1) take photographs;

(2) receive and transmit applications;

(3) collect fees; and

(4) perform other basic ministerial functions necessary to issue licenses or certificates.

(c) A license deputy may not administer an examination for driver's license applicants under Subchapter H.

(d) A license deputy may not assist in the registration of voters unless the deputy is otherwise authorized under the Election Code.

1 Sec. 521.502. RECORDS AND REPORTS. A license deputy shall:

2 (1) complete and keep for the use of the department a
3 record of each transaction performed by the license deputy;

4 (2) keep a record of each application received by the
5 license deputy;

6 (3) send to the department a monthly report containing
7 the information described by Subdivisions (1) and (2) on a form and
8 in the manner prescribed by the department; and

9 (4) furnish any other information or material required
10 by the department.

11 Sec. 521.503. POINT-OF-SALE SYSTEM. (a) The department
12 may designate an entity to install a point-of-sale system for the
13 collection of fees by license deputies. A designated entity may
14 collect revenue for the department from license deputies.

15 (b) The department by rule may set the amount of
16 compensation for a point-of-sale entity. The amount of compensation
17 per transaction may not exceed five percent of the amount of the fee
18 collected by the entity.

19 (c) Sections 521.425 and 521.427 do not apply to
20 compensation authorized by this section.

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