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H.B. No. 821

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements of certain minors applying for a hunting or fishing license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 231.302, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-2) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (c-1) or (c-2), to assist in the administration of laws relating to child support enforcement under Parts A and D of Title IV of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 601 et seq. [~~Sections 601-617~~] and 42 U.S.C. Section 651 et seq. [~~651-669~~]):

(1) each licensing authority shall request and each applicant for a license shall provide the applicant's social security number;

(2) each agency administering a contract that provides for a payment of state funds shall request and each individual or entity bidding on a state contract shall provide the individual's or entity's social security number as required by Section 231.006; and

(3) each agency administering a state-funded grant or loan program shall request and each applicant for a grant or loan shall provide the applicant's social security number as required by Section 231.006.

1        (c-2) For purposes of issuing a fishing or hunting license,  
2 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is not required to request,  
3 and an applicant is not required to provide, the applicant's social  
4 security number if the applicant is 13 years of age or younger.

5        SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 11.005 to read as follows:

7        Sec. 11.005. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF CERTAIN MINORS.

8        (a) The commission may not adopt rules that require a person 13  
9 years of age or younger who applies for a license under Chapter 42,  
10 46, or 50 to provide the applicant's social security number.

11        (b) The commission may adopt a rule requiring an applicant  
12 described by Subsection (a) or the applicant's parent or guardian  
13 to sign a statement that the applicant is not an obligor subject to  
14 a child support order.

15        SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Texas Parks  
16 and Wildlife Commission shall adopt any necessary rules to  
17 implement this Act.

18        SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
19 to an application for a hunting or fishing license that is submitted  
20 on or after January 1, 2016. An application submitted before that  
21 date is governed by the law in effect immediately before the  
22 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
23 effect for that purpose.

24        SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.