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H.B. No. 2216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information required of an applicant for a driver's license.

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

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

(e) Subject to Subsection (e-1), the ~~[The]~~ application must include any other information the department requires to determine the applicant's identity, residency, competency, and eligibility as required by the department or state law.

(e-1) Other than a general inquiry as to whether the applicant has a mental condition that may affect the applicant's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, an application may not include an inquiry regarding the mental health of the applicant, including an inquiry as to whether the applicant has been diagnosed with, treated for, or hospitalized for a psychiatric disorder.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a driver's license filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application filed before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect on the date of filing, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.