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H.B. No. 2216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to information required of an applicant for a driver's
3 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 (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
7 follows:

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

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

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

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