

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 2477

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requirements for the issuance of a driver's license or
3 personal identification certificate.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 521.044(a), Transportation Code, as
6 amended by Chapters 1012 (H.B. 2512) and 1105 (H.B. 3787), Acts of
7 the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) Information provided on a driver's license or personal
10 identification certificate application that relates to the
11 applicant's social security number may be used only by the
12 department or disclosed only to:

13 (1) the child support enforcement division of the
14 attorney general's office;

15 (2) another state entity responsible for enforcing the
16 payment of child support;

17 (3) the United States Selective Service System as
18 provided by Section 521.147;

19 (4) the unclaimed property division of the
20 comptroller's office; ~~or~~

21 (5) the Health and Human Services Commission;

22 (6) [~~5~~] the secretary of state for the purposes of
23 voter registration or the administration of elections; or

24 (7) an agency of another state responsible for issuing

1 driver's licenses or identification documents.

2 SECTION 2. Sections 521.044(b) and (e), Transportation
3 Code, are amended to read as follows:

4 (b) The department shall enter an applicant's social
5 security number in the department's electronic database but may not
6 print the number on the applicant's driver's license or personal
7 identification certificate.

8 (e) The department shall include in the department's
9 legislative appropriations requests and budgets, in quarterly
10 performance reports, and in audits of the department's local
11 offices performance measures on the percentage of complete and
12 correct social security numbers on driver's licenses and personal
13 identification certificates.

14 SECTION 3. Section 521.101(f), Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (f) A personal identification certificate:

17 (1) for an applicant who is a citizen, national, or
18 legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee
19 lawfully admitted into the United States, [+
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21 ~~[(A)] expires on a date specified by the~~
22 ~~department [if the applicant is younger than 60 years of age, or~~

23 ~~[(B) does not expire if the applicant is 60 years~~
24 ~~of age or older]; or~~

25 (2) for an applicant not described by Subdivision (1),
26 expires on:

27 (A) the earlier of:

(i) a date specified by the department; or

1 (ii) the expiration date of the applicant's
2 authorized stay in the United States; or

3 (B) the first anniversary of the date of
4 issuance, if there is no definite expiration date for the
5 applicant's authorized stay in the United States.

6 SECTION 4. Section 521.142(g), Transportation Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (g) The department shall [~~may~~] require an applicant to
9 provide the applicant's social security number or proof that the
10 applicant is not eligible for a social security number [~~only for a~~
11 ~~purpose permitted by Section 521.044~~].

12 SECTION 5. Subchapter I, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
13 is amended by adding Section 521.183 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 521.183. SURRENDER OF DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERSONAL
15 IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE. (a) A person is not entitled to
16 receive a driver's license until the person surrenders to the
17 department each personal identification certificate in the
18 person's possession that was issued by this state.

19 (b) A person is not entitled to receive a personal
20 identification certificate until the person surrenders to the
21 department each driver's license in the person's possession that
22 was issued by this state.

23 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
24 a driver's license or personal identification certificate for which
25 an application is submitted on or after the effective date of this
26 Act. A driver's license or personal identification certificate for
27 which an application was submitted before the effective date of

1 this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the
2 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for
3 that purpose.

4 SECTION 7. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
5 over another Act of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015,
6 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
7 codes.

8 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.