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S.B. No. 398

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fingerprints collected by the Texas Department of Public Safety from an applicant for a driver's license or personal identification certificate and used for the department's image verification system.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 521.059(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall establish an image verification system based on the following identifiers collected by the department under Section 521.142(b):

(1) an applicant's facial image; and

(2) an applicant's thumbprints and ~~or~~ fingerprints.

(b) The department shall authenticate the facial image, ~~and~~ thumbprints, and ~~or~~ fingerprints provided by an applicant for a personal identification certificate, driver's license, or commercial driver's license or permit using image comparison technology to ensure that the applicant:

(1) is issued only one original license, permit, or certificate;

(2) does not fraudulently obtain a duplicate license, permit, or certificate; and

(3) does not commit other fraud in connection with the application for a license, permit, or certificate.

1 SECTION 2. Section 521.142(b), Transportation Code, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (b) The application must include:

4 (1) the thumbprints and [~~of the applicant or, if~~  
5 ~~thumbprints cannot be taken, the index~~] fingerprints of the  
6 applicant;

7 (2) a photograph of the applicant;

8 (3) the signature of the applicant; and

9 (4) a brief description of the applicant.

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