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S.B. No. 2138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the issuance of digital driver's licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 7, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Chapter 526 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 526. DIGITAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PILOT PROGRAM

Sec. 526.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "department" and "driver's license" have the meanings assigned by Section 521.001.

Sec. 526.002. DIGITAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PILOT PROGRAM. (a) If funds are appropriated for the purposes of this chapter, the department by rule may establish a pilot program for the issuance of digital driver's licenses in Cameron County.

(b) In establishing the digital driver's license pilot program, the department shall incorporate one or more of the following phases:

(1) an assessment of existing department infrastructure and an identification of changes required to implement the program;

(2) an upgrade to department infrastructure according to the department's findings under Subdivision (1);

(3) creation of a mobile application that:

(A) displays a digital driver's license on a

1 wireless communication device; and

2 (B) includes an authentication and verification
3 process for a wireless communication device;

4 (4) deployment of the digital driver's license mobile
5 application to department users for testing and evaluation; and

6 (5) on department approval, the expansion of the
7 deployment of the digital driver's license mobile application to a
8 small volunteer group consisting of members of the public and the
9 implementation of a law enforcement version of the application for
10 field testing.

11 (c) The department may contract with another person to
12 establish the pilot program described by this section.

13 (d) The department shall prepare a report containing the
14 results of the pilot program and the department's recommendations.
15 The department shall submit the report to the Public Safety
16 Commission and the legislature not later than December 1, 2018.

17 Sec. 526.003. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September
18 1, 2019.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.