By:  Neave (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 653

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

Hancock           X

Alvarado          X

Hinojosa          X

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Rodríguez         X

Schwertner        X

West              X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voluntary contributions to the evidence testing grant program made when applying for a corrected or duplicate driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 521.012(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  When a person applies for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate under this chapter, the person may contribute $1 or more to the evidence testing grant program established under Section 772.00715, Government Code.

(b)  The department shall:

(1)  include space on the first page of each application for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate that allows a person applying for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the grant program; and

(2)  provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the grant program during the application process for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate on the department's Internet website.

SECTION 2.  Sections 522.0295(a) and (b), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  When a person applies for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate commercial driver's license under this chapter, the person may contribute $1 or more to the evidence testing grant program established under Section 772.00715, Government Code.

(b)  The department shall:

(1)  include space on the first page of each application for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate commercial driver's license that allows a person applying for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate commercial driver's license to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the grant program; and

(2)  provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the grant program during the application process for an original, [~~or~~] renewal, corrected, or duplicate commercial driver's license on the department's Internet website.

SECTION 3.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a person who applies for a corrected or duplicate driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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