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H.B. No. 2468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to proof of United States citizenship for the issuance or renewal of a personal automobile insurance policy.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1951, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1951.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 1951.005. PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED. An agent or insurer, including a county mutual insurance company, may not deliver, issue for delivery, or renew in this state a personal automobile insurance policy unless the proposed insured provides to the agent or insurer one of the following documents as proof of United States citizenship:

(1) an unexpired passport issued to the person;

(2) a certified copy of a birth certificate or other document confirming the person's birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity; or

(3) United States citizenship papers issued to the person.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a personal automobile insurance policy that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.