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S.B. No. 2557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to optional designations on a driver's license, personal identification certificate, or commercial driver's license or learner's permit for blood type and blood disorders.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.1251 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.1251. OPTIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR BLOOD TYPE AND BLOOD DISORDERS. (a) The department shall provide to each applicant for the issuance of an original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or personal identification certificate who applies in person, by mail, over the Internet, or by other electronic means the opportunity to indicate on the person's driver's license or personal identification certificate:

(1) the person's blood type; and

(2) whether the person has a blood disorder and, if so, the type of blood disorder.

(b) The department shall include on each driver's license issued to a person who makes an election under this section a designation that indicates the person's blood type and blood disorder, as applicable.

SECTION 2. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) The department shall provide to each applicant for the

1 issuance of an original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate  
2 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit who  
3 applies in person, by mail, over the Internet, or by other  
4 electronic means the opportunity to indicate on the person's  
5 commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit:

- 6           (1) the person's blood type; and  
7           (2) whether the person has a blood disorder and, if so,  
8 the type of blood disorder.

9           (f) The department shall include on each commercial  
10 driver's license or commercial learner's permit issued to a person  
11 who makes an election under Subsection (e) a designation that  
12 indicates the person's blood type and blood disorder, as  
13 applicable.

14           SECTION 3. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt  
15 rules as necessary to implement Sections 521.1251 and 522.030(e)  
16 and (f), Transportation Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
17 November 1, 2019.

18           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.