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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the content of driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification certificates.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n)  The application for the personal identification certificate must provide space for the applicant to identify the applicant's gender as female, male, or nonbinary/gender diverse.

SECTION 2.  Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(c)  The application must state:

(1)  the gender [~~sex~~] of the applicant;

(2)  the residence address of the applicant, or if the applicant is a federal judge, a state judge, or the spouse of a federal or state judge using the procedure developed under Section 521.121(c), the street address of the courthouse in which the applicant or the applicant's spouse serves as a federal judge or a state judge;

(3)  whether the applicant has been licensed to drive a motor vehicle before;

(4)  if previously licensed, when and by what state or country;

(5)  whether that license has been suspended or revoked or a license application denied;

(6)  the date and reason for the suspension, revocation, or denial;

(7)  whether the applicant is a citizen of the United States; and

(8)  the county of residence of the applicant.

(j)  The application must provide space for the applicant to identify the applicant's gender as female, male, or nonbinary/gender diverse.

SECTION 3.  Section 522.021, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a)  An application for a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit must include:

(1)  the full name and current residence and mailing address of the applicant;

(2)  a physical description of the applicant, including gender [~~sex~~], height, and eye color;

(3)  the applicant's date of birth;

(4)  the applicant's social security number, unless the application is for a non-domiciled commercial driver's license and the applicant is domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction;

(5)  certifications, including those required by 49 C.F.R. Section 383.71(a); and

(6)  any other information required by the department.

(f)  The application must provide space for the applicant to identify the applicant's gender as female, male, or nonbinary/gender diverse.

SECTION 4.  Section 522.030(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit must:

(1)  be marked:

(A)  "Commercial Driver License" or "CDL" for a commercial driver's license; or

(B)  "Commercial Learner's Permit" or "CLP" for a commercial learner's permit;

(2)  be, to the extent practicable, tamper-proof; and

(3)  include:

(A)  the name and domicile address of the person to whom it is issued;

(B)  the person's photograph;

(C)  a physical description of the person, including gender [~~sex~~], height, and eye color;

(D)  the person's date of birth;

(E)  a number or identifier the department considers appropriate;

(F)  the person's signature;

(G)  each class of commercial motor vehicle that the person is authorized to drive, with any endorsements or restrictions;

(H)  the name of this state; and

(I)  the dates between which the license is valid.

SECTION 5.  The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 521 and 522, Transportation Code, apply only to a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate issued or renewed under Chapter 521 or 522, Transportation Code, on or after January 1, 2022.

SECTION 6.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.