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H.B. No. 4514

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Department of Public Safety image verification system for the purpose of verifying an individual's identity; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.058, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.058. DISPOSITION OF FEES. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), each ~~Each~~ fee collected under this subchapter shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

(b) The fee collected under Section 521.0591 shall be deposited to the credit of a special account in the general revenue fund and may be used only by the Department of Public Safety for the administration of Section 521.0591.

SECTION 2. Section 521.059(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The department shall use the image verification system established under this section only to the extent allowed by:

(1) Section 521.0591 to verify an individual's identity; and

(2) Chapter 730 ~~[, Transportation Code,]~~ to aid other law enforcement agencies in:

(A) [(1)] establishing the identity of a victim of a disaster or crime that a local law enforcement agency is unable

1 to establish; or

2 (B) [~~2~~] conducting an investigation of
3 criminal conduct.

4 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
5 is amended by adding Section 521.0591 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 521.0591. USE OF IMAGE VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR
7 IDENTITY VERIFICATION. (a) The department may, on entering into a
8 memorandum of understanding with a person, verify the identity of
9 an individual by comparing a facial image of the individual to
10 facial images contained in the image verification system
11 established under Section 521.059. The department may comply with
12 a request under this section only if the request includes:

13 (1) a facial image of the individual who is the subject
14 of the identity verification request and any other information the
15 department requires to determine the individual's identity;

16 (2) the consent of the individual described by
17 Subdivision (1); and

18 (3) the fee described by Subsection (c).

19 (b) The department may refuse to provide an identity
20 verification under this section for any reason.

21 (c) The department by rule shall establish a fee for the
22 submission of an identity verification request under this section
23 in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the department's
24 compliance with this section, including the direct and indirect
25 costs associated with the department's use of the image
26 verification system.

27 (d) Information submitted to the department as part of an

1 identity verification request under this section, including all
2 images and personal identifying information, is confidential and
3 not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

4 (e) The department shall, after conducting an identity
5 verification or refusing to conduct an identity verification under
6 this section, destroy all information submitted as part of the
7 identity verification request. The department shall adopt rules to
8 implement this subsection.

9 (f) The department may contract with a private vendor to
10 allow the vendor access to the image verification system under
11 Section 521.059 for the purpose of processing identity verification
12 requests under this section.

13 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Department
14 of Public Safety shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
15 Section 521.0591, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.