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S.B. No. 449

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appearance of a license to carry a handgun, personal
3 identification certificate, or driver's license issued to a person
4 who is not a citizen of the United States.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 411.1791 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 411.1791. FORM OF NONCITIZEN LICENSE. In adopting the
9 form of a license under Section 411.179(a), the department shall
10 ensure that a license issued to a person who is not a citizen of the
11 United States:

12 (1) has a substantially different design from a
13 license issued to a person who is a citizen; and

14 (2) displays the word "NONCITIZEN" on both the front
15 and back of the license.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
17 is amended by adding Section 521.1017 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 521.1017. DESIGNATOR ON CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO
19 NONCITIZEN. A personal identification certificate issued to a
20 person who is not a citizen of the United States must:

21 (1) have a substantially different design from a
22 personal identification certificate issued to a person who is a
23 citizen; and

24 (2) display the word "NONCITIZEN" on both the front

1 and back of the certificate.

2 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 521.1231 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 521.1231. DESIGNATOR ON LICENSE ISSUED TO NONCITIZEN.

5 A driver's license issued to an applicant who is not a citizen of
6 the United States must:

7 (1) have a substantially different design from a
8 driver's license issued to a person who is a citizen; and

9 (2) display the word "NONCITIZEN" on both the front
10 and back of the license.

11 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
12 a license to carry a handgun, personal identification certificate,
13 or driver's license issued or renewed on or after the effective date
14 of this Act. A license to carry a handgun, personal identification
15 certificate, or driver's license issued or renewed before the
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
17 license or certificate was issued or renewed, and the former law is
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

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