

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 3514  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 3514 requires the Department of Public Safety to provide a copy of each driver's license record or personal identification certificate record or information relating to the name, date of birth, driver's license record, or personal identification record and addresses to the chief appraiser of each appraisal district to determine the eligibility of individuals for residence homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxation. By updating the databases of the appraisal districts, many Texans will receive the tax relief they are entitled to and chief appraisers will be able to better protect against fraud.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.049, Transportation Code, by adding Subsections (d) and (e), as follows:

(d) Requires the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide certain identifying information from DPS records, without charge, to the chief appraiser of each appraisal district in this state to assist the chief appraiser in determining the eligibility of individuals for residence homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxation under Section 11.13 (Residence Homestead), Tax Code.

(e) Prohibits a driver's license record or personal identification certificate record provided under Subsection (d)(1) from including information relating to an individual's Social Security number or any accident or conviction information about an individual.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.43, Tax Code, by amending Subsection (m) and adding Subsection (m-1), as follows:

(m) Provides that the information provided by DPS to the appraisal district under Section 521.049, Transportation Code, is sufficient to demonstrate that a person has become 65 years of age and eligible for an exemption.

(m-1) Creates this subsection from existing Subsection (m). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.