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(10) [§ 9] develop recommendations on how to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist human trafficking victims, and prosecute human trafficking offenders; and

(11) [§ 10] examine the extent to which human trafficking is associated with the operation of sexually oriented businesses, as defined by Section 243.002, Local Government Code, and the workplace or public health concerns that are created by the association of human trafficking and the operation of sexually oriented businesses.

(g-1) In this section, “emergency medical services personnel” has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

(h) This section expires September 1, 2015 [2013].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1272 on May 16, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 298
H.B. No. 1287
AN ACT
relating to the contents of an application by certain persons for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the person’s residence homestead.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.43, Tax Code, is amended by amending Subsections (j) and (n) and adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(j) In addition to the items required by Subsection (f), an application for a residence homestead exemption prescribed by the comptroller and authorized by Section 11.13 must:

(1) list each owner of the residence homestead and the interest of each owner;

(2) state that the applicant does not claim an exemption under that section on another residence homestead in this state or claim a residence homestead exemption on a residence homestead outside this state;

(3) state that each fact contained in the application is true;

(4) include a copy of the applicant’s driver’s license or state issued personal identification certificate unless the applicant [and]:

(A) is a resident of a facility that provides services related to health, infirmity, or aging [a copy of the applicant’s vehicle registration receipt]; or

(B) is certified for participation in the address confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure [if the applicant does not own a vehicle, an affidavit to that effect signed by the applicant and a copy of a utility bill for the property subject to the claimed exemption in the applicant’s name];

(5) state that the applicant has read and understands the notice of the penalties required by Subsection (f); and

(6) be signed by the applicant.

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(n) Except as provided by Subsection (p), a chief appraiser may not allow an applicant an exemption provided by Section 11.13 if the applicant is required under Subsection (j) to provide a copy of the applicant’s driver’s license or state-issued personal identification certificate unless:

[44] the address listed on the driver’s license or state-issued personal identification certificate provided by the applicant under Subsection (j) corresponds to the address on the applicant’s vehicle registration receipt or utility bill provided under that subsection; and

[22] the address indicated in Subdivision (1) corresponds to the address of the property for which the exemption is claimed.

(p) A chief appraiser may waive the requirement provided by Subsection (n) that the address of the property for which the exemption is claimed correspond to the address listed on the driver’s license or state-issued personal identification certificate provided by the applicant under Subsection (j) if the applicant:

(1) is an active duty member of the armed services of the United States or the spouse of an active duty member and the applicant includes with the application a copy of the applicant’s or spouse’s military identification card and a copy of a utility bill for the property subject to the claimed exemption in the applicant’s or spouse’s name; or

(2) holds a driver’s license issued under Section 521.121(c) or 521.1211, Transportation Code, and includes with the application a copy of the application for that license provided to the Texas Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a residence homestead exemption filed with a chief appraiser on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a residence homestead exemption filed with a chief appraiser before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 299

H.B. No. 1296

AN ACT

relating to information regarding postsecondary education and career opportunities and workforce needs in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.040. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. (a) The agency shall prepare information comparing institutions of higher education in this state and post the information on the agency’s Internet website. Information prepared under this section shall be given to a public school student who requests the information. The information shall:

(1) identify postsecondary education and career opportunities, including information that states the benefits of four-year and two-year higher education programs, postsecondary technical education, skilled workforce careers, and career education programs;

(2) compare each institution of higher education with other institutions regarding:

(A) the relative cost of tuition;