

HB 178 -- Biometric Identification

Sponsor: Bland

This bill authorizes the Department of Revenue to use biometric identification methods in order to identify driver's license applicants. Biometric identification consists of facial recognition, fingerprints, hand geometry, iris recognition, retinal scans, and other technological methods of capturing unique identifying information for an applicant. Before issuing any driver's license, nondriver's license, or instruction permit, the applicant must provide biometric information as requested by the director of the department. The director will be authorized to promulgate rules regarding the capture of biometric identification codes on applicants for driver's licenses, nondriver's licenses, and instruction permits.

The bill modifies the instruction permit application process by requiring that applicants give certain information, biometric identification, and information on prior driving offenses.

The bill also reorganizes the nondriver's license provisions.