

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 397

Introduced by Assembly Member Mathis

February 19, 2015

An act to amend Section 1653 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 397, as introduced, Mathis. Driver's license: identification card: false information.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to examine and determine the genuineness and regularity of every application or document filed with it and authorizes the department to require additional information or reject any application or document if not satisfied of the genuineness and regularity of the application or document or the truth of any statement contained in the application or document.

This bill, in order to reduce identify theft, would additionally require the department to report to the local district attorney's office, sheriff's department, or police department when the department reasonably suspects that an application for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identification card contains false information.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1653 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

1 1653. (a) The department shall examine and determine the
2 genuineness and regularity of every application or document filed
3 with it under this code and may require additional information or
4 reject any ~~such~~ application or document if not satisfied of the
5 genuineness and regularity ~~thereof~~ *of the application or document*
6 or the truth of any statement contained ~~therein~~ *in the application*
7 *or document.*

8 (b) *In order to reduce identity theft, the department shall report*
9 *to the local district attorney's office, sheriff's department, or police*
10 *department when the department reasonably suspects that an*
11 *application for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license or*
12 *identification card pursuant to Division 6 (commencing with*
13 *Section 12500) contains false information.*