
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2518

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By House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Habib, Walsh, Goodman, Haigh, and Roberts)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the pilot identicard program; adding a new
2 section to chapter 46.20 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to create a pilot
6 identicard program to provide incarcerated offenders with a
7 state-issued identicard to assist and prepare each offender for release
8 from prison and reentry into the community. The legislature also finds
9 that each step that assists individuals being released from prisons
10 helps incarcerated offenders avoid predictable conditions that lead to
11 future recidivism. Reduction in recidivism makes the community safer,
12 transforms formerly incarcerated offenders into productive citizens,
13 and strengthens the family structure that surrounds each offender. The
14 goal of the pilot identicard program is to provide proper state
15 identification to offenders upon release to the community, which is
16 critical for accessing services, employment, housing, and various other
17 opportunities in the community.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) By September 1, 2014, the department of licensing, working in
4 conjunction with the department of corrections, shall create and
5 implement a two-year identicard program to provide offenders with a
6 state-issued identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

7 (2) An offender is eligible for an original, renewal, or
8 replacement identicard issued under this section, provided he or she:

9 (a) Meets the department's criteria under RCW 46.20.117; (b) is under
10 the custody of the department of corrections; (c) has been sentenced to
11 an incarceration period exceeding one year and one day; and (d) is
12 incarcerated within the Monroe correctional complex and is within two
13 months or less of his or her release date.

14 (3) For purposes of verifying an offender's identity and meeting
15 the department's criteria required pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of
16 this section, an offender possessing a valid identification card issued
17 by the department of corrections serves as sufficient proof of identity
18 and residency for the offender to apply for and obtain a Washington
19 state identicard.

20 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.20.117:

21 (a) The department of licensing must waive the requirement that the
22 offender not hold a valid Washington driver's license in order to
23 receive an identicard;

24 (b) An identicard issued under this section must expire on the
25 first anniversary of the offender's birthdate after issuance; and

26 (c) The department of licensing may not charge any fee to an
27 applicant for an identicard issued under this section.

28 (5) The department of licensing, in consultation with the
29 department of corrections, shall report to the governor and the
30 appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the pilot
31 identicard program and any recommendations for improvement by December
32 1, 2016.

33 (6) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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