
SENATE BILL 5775

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By Senators Benton, Hobbs, Brown, Ericksen, Conway, and Rivers

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing for a veteran designation on drivers'
2 licenses and identicards; amending RCW 46.20.161 and 46.20.117; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.161 and 2012 c 80 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The department, upon receipt of a fee of forty-five dollars
8 from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and fifty-four dollars after
9 June 30, 2013, unless the driver's license is issued for a period other
10 than five years from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years
11 after June 30, 2013, in which case the fee shall be nine dollars for
12 each year that the license is issued, which includes the fee for the
13 required photograph, shall issue to every qualifying applicant a
14 driver's license. A driver's license issued to a person under the age
15 of eighteen is an intermediate license, subject to the restrictions
16 imposed under RCW 46.20.075, until the person reaches the age of
17 eighteen. The license must include a distinguishing number assigned to
18 the licensee, the name of record, date of birth, Washington residence
19 address, photograph, a brief description of the licensee, ~~((and))~~

1 either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon
2 which the licensee shall write his or her usual signature with pen and
3 ink immediately upon receipt of the license, and, if applicable, the
4 person's status as a veteran as provided in subsection (2) of this
5 section. No license is valid until it has been so signed by the
6 licensee.

7 (2) A person may apply to the department to obtain a veteran
8 designation on a driver's license issued under this section by
9 providing the United States department of defense discharge document,
10 DD Form 214, as it exists on the effective date of this section, or
11 such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,
12 consistent with the purposes of this section, that shows a discharge
13 status of "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that
14 establishes the person's service in the armed forces of the United
15 States. In addition to the fee described in subsection (1) of this
16 section, the department may charge a fee sufficient to cover the start-
17 up and administrative costs associated with the inclusion of the
18 designation, but the fee may not exceed two dollars per designation.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2012 c 80 s 6 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) **Issuance.** The department shall issue an identicard, containing
22 a picture, if the applicant:

- 23 (a) Does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;
- 24 (b) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW 46.20.035; and
- 25 (c) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in subsection (5) of
26 this section, the fee is forty-five dollars from October 1, 2012, to
27 June 30, 2013, and fifty-four dollars after June 30, 2013, unless an
28 applicant is a recipient of continuing public assistance grants under
29 Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary of social and
30 health services. For those persons the fee must be the actual cost of
31 production of the identicard.

32 (2)(a) **Design and term.** The identicard must:

33 ~~((a))~~ (i) Be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused
34 with the official driver's license; and

35 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section,
36 expire on the sixth anniversary of the applicant's birthdate after
37 issuance.

1 (b) The identicard may include the person's status as a veteran,
2 consistent with RCW 46.20.161(2).

3 (3) **Renewal.** An application for identicard renewal may be
4 submitted by means of:

5 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

6 (b) Mail or electronic commerce, if permitted by rule of the
7 department and if the applicant did not renew his or her identicard by
8 mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired.

9 An identicard may not be renewed by mail or by electronic commerce
10 unless the renewal issued by the department includes a photograph of
11 the identicard holder.

12 (4) **Cancellation.** The department may cancel an identicard if the
13 holder of the identicard used the card or allowed others to use the
14 card in violation of RCW 46.20.0921.

15 (5) **Alternative issuance/renewal/extension.** The department may
16 issue or renew an identicard for a period other than five years from
17 October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30, 2013, or
18 may extend by mail or electronic commerce an identicard that has
19 already been issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as
20 possible, the yearly renewal rate of identicard holders. The fee for
21 an identicard issued or renewed for a period other than five years from
22 October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30, 2013, or
23 that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is nine dollars
24 for each year that the identicard is issued, renewed, or extended. The
25 department may adopt any rules as are necessary to carry out this
26 subsection.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2015.

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