

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1444

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Requiring identification for driver's licenses and identicards.

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House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues driver's licenses and identicards through its driver examining program. The 62 driver licensing offices statewide issue over 1.4 million photo driver's licenses, identicards and instruction permits annually. Currently there are over 4 million valid photo driver's licenses, identicards and instruction permits. A driver's license must be renewed every four years and identicards every five years.

Currently DOL accepts an unlimited number of types of identification in order for an individual to secure a driver's license or identicard.

Summary: Six specific types of identification are set forth as being acceptable in order to be issued a driver's license or identicard. All six types of identification must contain a signature and a photograph. They include:

- (1) a valid or recently expired driver's license or instruction permit;
- (2) a valid Washington State identicard or an identification card issued by another state;
- (3) an identification card issued by a federal or state agency;
- (4) a military identification card;
- (5) a United States passport; and
- (6) an immigration and naturalization service form.

A person who cannot supply any of the forms of identification listed above may request the Department of Licensing (DOL) to review other documentation. DOL may issue a driver's license or identicard if the documentation presented clearly establishes the identity of the applicant.

A procedure is established for identifying a minor who cannot provide any of the forms of identification listed above.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	94	0	
Senate	46	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	0	(House concurred)

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