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1 AN ACT Relating to a medical alert designation on driver's
2 licenses; amending RCW 46.20.161; creating a new section; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the health and
6 safety of the traveling public, law enforcement, and emergency
7 medical service providers are enhanced by the voluntary sharing of
8 information about medical conditions. Licensed drivers and applicants
9 who wish to voluntarily include a medical alert designation on their
10 driver's license can provide law enforcement and emergency medical
11 service providers with the opportunity to know at the point of
12 contact or shortly thereafter that there is a medical condition which
13 could affect communication or account for a driver health emergency.
14 By taking action in accordance with existing driver privacy
15 protections, the legislature seeks to enhance health and public
16 safety by the voluntary provision and careful use of this
17 information.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.161 and 2018 c 69 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

1 (1) The department, upon receipt of a fee of forty-five dollars
2 from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and fifty-four dollars after
3 June 30, 2013, unless the driver's license is issued for a period
4 other than five years from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six
5 years after June 30, 2013, in which case the fee shall be nine
6 dollars for each year that the license is issued, which includes the
7 fee for the required photograph, shall issue to every qualifying
8 applicant a driver's license. A driver's license issued to a person
9 under the age of eighteen is an intermediate license, subject to the
10 restrictions imposed under RCW 46.20.075, until the person reaches
11 the age of eighteen.

12 (2) The license must include:

13 (a) A distinguishing number assigned to the licensee((~~τ~~));

14 (b) The name of record((~~τ~~));

15 (c) Date of birth((~~τ~~));

16 (d) Washington residence address((~~τ~~));

17 (e) Photograph((~~τ~~));

18 (f) A brief description of the licensee((~~τ~~));

19 (g) Either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a
20 space upon which the licensee shall write his or her usual signature
21 with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license((~~τ~~ and ~~τ~~));

22 (h) If applicable, the person's status as a veteran as provided
23 in subsection ((~~+2~~)) (4) of this section; and

24 (i) If applicable, a medical alert designation indicating that
25 the person has provided information to the department identifying an
26 eligible medical condition.

27 (3) No license is valid until it has been ((~~se~~)) signed by the
28 licensee.

29 ((~~+2~~)) (4)(a) A veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007, or an
30 individual who otherwise meets the criteria of RCW 41.04.007 but who
31 has received a general discharge under honorable conditions, may
32 apply to the department to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's
33 license issued under this section by providing:

34 ((~~+a~~)) (i) A United States department of veterans affairs
35 identification card or proof of service letter;

36 ((~~+b~~)) (ii) A United States department of defense discharge
37 document, DD Form 214 or DD Form 215, as it exists on June 7, 2018,
38 or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,
39 consistent with the purposes of this section, or equivalent or
40 successor discharge paperwork, that shows a discharge status of

1 "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that establishes
2 the person's service in the armed forces of the United States;

3 ~~((e))~~ (iii) A national guard state-issued report of separation
4 and military service, NGB Form 22, as it exists on June 7, 2018, or
5 such subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,
6 consistent with the purposes of this section, or equivalent or
7 successor discharge paperwork, that shows a discharge status of
8 "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that establishes
9 the person's active duty or reserve service in the national guard; or

10 ~~((d))~~ (iv) A United States uniformed services identification
11 card, DD Form 2, that displays on its face that it has been issued to
12 a retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States,
13 including the national guard and armed forces reserves.

14 (b) The department may permit a veteran, as defined in RCW
15 41.04.007, or an individual who otherwise meets the criteria of RCW
16 41.04.007 but who has received a general discharge under honorable
17 conditions, to submit an alternate form of documentation to apply to
18 obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license, as specified by
19 rule, that requires a discharge status of "honorable" or "general
20 under honorable conditions" and that establishes the person's service
21 as required under RCW 41.04.007.

22 (5) Any person may apply to the department to obtain a medical
23 alert designation on a driver's license issued under this chapter by
24 providing:

25 (a) A certification signed by a licensed physician, osteopathic
26 physician, physician assistant, advanced registered nurse
27 practitioner, psychologist, social worker, or mental health care
28 counselor verifying a medical condition that could affect
29 communication or account for a driver health emergency. The
30 certification shall not be disclosed, is for the confidential use of
31 the director and the chief of the Washington state patrol and for law
32 enforcement and emergency medical service providers as designated by
33 law, and is subject to the privacy protections of the driver's
34 privacy protection act, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 2725;

35 (b) A statement from the person that they have voluntarily
36 provided the certification and other information verifying the
37 medical condition; and

38 (c) For persons under eighteen years of age, the application must
39 include the signature of a parent or guardian.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2020.

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