



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2588

driver licenses; foster youth

Purpose

Allows an eligible minor who is at least 16 years old and who does not have a residence address or is in the custody of the Department of Child Safety (DCS) to apply for a nonoperating identification license or a certified copy of the minor's birth certificate without the signature of a parent, guardian, foster parent or employer of the applicant.

Background

Current statute allows the Arizona Department of Transportation to issue a nonoperating identification license on receipt of an application from a person who does not have a valid driver license or whose driving privilege is suspended. The nonoperating identification license contains an assigned number, the full legal name, the date of birth, the residence address and a brief description of the license. Nonoperating identification licenses are solely for the use and convenience of the applicant for identification purposes ([A.R.S. § 28-3165](#)).

Current statute also states that an application for an instruction permit, a class G or M driver license or an endorsement for such a license must be signed and verified by an applicable parent, guardian, foster parent or employer ([A.R.S. § 28-3160](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows an eligible minor who is at least 16 years old and who does not have a residence address or is in the custody of DCS to apply for a nonoperating identification license without the signature of a parent, guardian, foster parent or employer of the applicant.
2. Allows an eligible minor who is at least 16 years old and who does not have a residence address or is in the custody of DCS to receive a certified copy of the minor's birth registration without the signature of a parent, guardian or foster parent of the applicant.
3. Makes conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

1. Removes language relating to minors in foster care applying for driver licenses without the signature of a parent, guardian, foster parent or employer of the applicant.

2. Allows foster children at least 16 years old to receive a certified copy of the child's birth registration without the signature of a parent, guardian or foster parent of the child.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Allows minors who do not have a residence address or are in the custody of DCS, rather than in foster care in Arizona, to apply for a nonoperating identification license or birth registration without the signature of a parent, guardian, foster parent or employer of the applicant.

House Action

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Senate Action

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