

1 AN ACT relating to identity documents and making an appropriation therefor.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Transportation Cabinet shall establish at least one (1) permanent, full-time,*
6 *driver licensing regional office within each Kentucky senatorial district.*

7 *(2) For the purposes of this section, an office shall be considered to be within a*
8 *senatorial district if it is located anywhere in a county which is part of the district,*
9 *whether or not the office is located within the actual boundaries of the district.*

10 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
11 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

12 *(1) As used in this section, "identity document":*

13 *(a) Means an operator's license or personal identification card issued to a*
14 *United States citizen or permanent resident under KRS 186.412 or*
15 *186.4122; and*

16 *(b) Does not include:*

17 *1. An operator's license or personal identification card issued to an*
18 *individual who is not a United States citizen or permanent resident*
19 *under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123;*

20 *2. An instruction permit issued under KRS 186.450; or*

21 *3. A commercial driver's license issued under KRS Chapter 281A.*

22 *(2) Beginning July 1, 2025, in any county in which the cabinet has not established a*
23 *permanent, full-time, driver licensing regional office, the county clerk of that*
24 *county may act as an application processor for identity documents.*

25 *(3) The cabinet shall:*

26 *(a) Identify those county clerks described in subsection (2) of this section who*
27 *wish to act as an application processor for identity documents;*

1 (b) Enter into agreements with those county clerks who wish to act as an
 2 application processor for identity documents;

3 (c) Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter
 4 13A to establish procedures for county clerks to act as an application
 5 processor for identity documents; and

6 (d) Pay the cost of any hardware and software required by the county clerks to
 7 facilitate the application process.

8 (4) A county clerk acting as an application processor for identity documents under
 9 this section shall:

10 (a) Enter into an agreement with the cabinet;

11 (b) Comply with all relevant administrative regulations and policies of the
 12 cabinet; and

13 (c) Collect all required fees under Section 3 of this Act and transmit the
 14 required amount to the cabinet in a timely fashion.

15 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.531 is amended to read as follows:

16 (1) As used in this section:

17 (a) "GF" means the general fund;

18 (b) "IP" means instruction permit;

19 (c) "License Fund" or "LF" means the KYTC photo license account created in
 20 KRS 174.056;

21 (d) "MC" means motorcycle;

22 (e) "MC Fund" or "MCF" means the motorcycle safety education program fund
 23 established in KRS 176.5065;

24 (f) "OL" means operator's license; and

25 (g) "PIDC" means personal identification card.

26 (2) The fees imposed for voluntary travel ID operator's licenses, instruction permits,
 27 and personal identification cards shall be as follows. Except as provided in

1 subsection (11) of this section, the fees received shall be distributed as shown in
2 the table. The fees shown, unless otherwise noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

3	Card Type	Fee	LF	GF	MCF
4	OL (initial/renewal)	\$48	\$48	\$0	\$0
5	OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years)	\$18	\$18	\$0	\$0
6	Any OL, MC, or combination				
7	(duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.25	\$1.75	\$0
8	Motor vehicle IP (3 years)	\$18	\$16	\$2	\$0
9	Motorcycle IP (1 year)	\$18	\$13	\$1	\$4
10	Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal)	\$48	\$38	\$0	\$10
11	Combination vehicle/MC OL				
12	(initial/renewal)	\$58	\$48	\$0	\$10
13	PIDC (initial/renewal)	\$28	\$25	\$3	\$0
14	PIDC (duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.50	\$1.50	\$0

15 (3) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, the fees imposed for standard
16 operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards shall be as
17 follows. Except as provided in subsection (11) of this section, the fees received
18 shall be distributed as shown in the table. The fees shown ~~and~~, unless otherwise
19 noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

20	Card Type	Fee	LF	GF	MCF
21	OL (initial/renewal)	\$43	\$43	\$0	\$0
22	OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years)	\$15	\$15	\$0	\$0
23	Any OL, MC, or combination				
24	(duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.25	\$1.75	\$0
25	Motor vehicle IP (3 years)	\$15	\$13	\$2	\$0
26	Motorcycle IP (1 year)	\$15	\$10	\$1	\$4
27	Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal)	\$43	\$33	\$0	\$10

1	Combination vehicle/MC OL				
2	(initial/renewal)	\$53	\$43	\$0	\$10
3	PIDC (initial/renewal)	\$23	\$20	\$3	\$0
4	PIDC (duplicate/corrected)	\$15	\$13.50	\$1.50	\$0
5	PIDC (no fixed address) under				
6	KRS 186.4122(5)/186.4123(5)				
7	(initial, duplicate, or corrected)	\$5	\$5	\$0	\$0

8 (4) The fee for a four (4) year original or renewal license issued pursuant to KRS
9 186.4101 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount shown in subsections (2) and
10 (3) of this section. The distribution of fees shown in subsections (2) and (3) of this
11 section shall also be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses that are issued for
12 four (4) years.

13 (5) Any fee for any identity document applied for using alternative technology under
14 KRS 186.410 and 186.4122 shall be distributed in the same manner as a document
15 applied for in person with the cabinet.

16 (6) (a) An applicant for an original or renewal operator's license, permit, commercial
17 driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card
18 shall be requested by the cabinet to make a donation to promote an organ
19 donor program.

20 (b) The donation under this subsection shall be added to the regular fee for an
21 original or renewal motor vehicle operator's license, permit, commercial
22 driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card.
23 One (1) donation may be made per issuance or renewal of a license or any
24 combination thereof.

25 (c) The fee shall be paid to the cabinet and shall be forwarded by the cabinet on a
26 monthly basis to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life, and such
27 moneys are hereby appropriated to be used exclusively for the purpose of

1 promoting an organ donor program. A donation under this subsection shall be
2 voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or
3 renewal.

4 (7) In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the following individuals, upon
5 application for an initial or renewal operator's license, instruction permit, or
6 personal identification card, shall pay an additional application fee of thirty dollars
7 (\$30), which shall be deposited in the photo license account:

- 8 (a) An applicant who is not a United States citizen or permanent resident and who
9 applies under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123; or
10 (b) An applicant who is applying for a instruction permit, operator's license, or
11 personal identification card without a photo under KRS 186.4102(9).

12 (8) (a) Except for individuals exempted under paragraph (c) of this subsection, an
13 applicant for relicensing after revocation or suspension shall pay a
14 reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40).

15 (b) The reinstatement fee under this subsection shall be distributed by the State
16 Treasurer as follows:

- 17 1. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be deposited into the photo license
18 account; and
19 2. Five dollars (\$5) shall be deposited into a trust and agency fund to be
20 used in defraying the costs and expenses of administering a driver
21 improvement program for problem drivers.

22 (c) This subsection shall not apply to:

- 23 1. Any person whose license was suspended for failure to meet the
24 conditions set out in KRS 186.411 when, within one (1) year of
25 suspension, the driving privileges of the individual are reinstated; or
26 2. A student who has had his or her license revoked pursuant to KRS
27 159.051.

- 1 (9) As payment for any fee identified in this section, the cabinet:
- 2 (a) Shall accept cash and personal checks;
- 3 (b) May accept other methods of payment in accordance with KRS 45.345; and
- 4 (c) May enter into billing agreements with homeless shelters, health care
- 5 facilities, or social service agencies that serve individuals without an
- 6 established and fixed nighttime residence of regular return.
- 7 (10) There shall be no fee assessed for the initial, renewal, or duplicate standard personal
- 8 identification card to an individual, if the individual:
- 9 (a) Does not possess a valid operator's license or a commercial driver's license;
- 10 and
- 11 (b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next regular election.

12 **(11) If the application for an operator's license or personal identification card is**

13 **processed by a county clerk under Section 2 of this Act, the county clerk that**

14 **processes the application shall retain twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of**

15 **the fee that is directed to the license fund under subsections (2) and (3) of this**

16 **section.**

17 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED

18 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

19 **(1) As used in this section:**

20 **(a) "Identity document":**

21 **1. Means an operator's license or personal identification card issued to a**

22 **United States citizen or permanent resident under KRS 186.412 or**

23 **186.4122; and**

24 **2. Does not include:**

25 **a. An operator's license or personal identification card issued to an**

26 **individual who is not a United States citizen or permanent**

27 **resident under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123;**

- 1 **b. An instruction permit issued under KRS 186.450; or**
2 **c. A commercial driver's license issued under KRS Chapter 281A; and**
3 **(b) "Third-party entity" means a business or nonprofit member association.**
4 **(2) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in**
5 **accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish procedures by which third-party**
6 **entities may apply to the cabinet to serve as an application processor for identity**
7 **documents.**
8 **(3) A third-party entity that wishes to serve as an application processor for identity**
9 **documents under this section shall:**
10 **(a) Apply to the cabinet and receive cabinet approval;**
11 **(b) Agree to comply with all relevant administrative regulations and policies of**
12 **the cabinet;**
13 **(c) Pay the cost of any hardware required to facilitate the application process;**
14 **and**
15 **(d) Collect all required fees under Section 3 of this Act and transmit them to the**
16 **cabinet in a timely fashion.**
17 **(4) In addition to the fees set forth in Section 3 of this Act, a third-party entity that**
18 **processes applications for identity documents under this section may charge a fee**
19 **for the service provided.**

20 ➔SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
21 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 22 **(1) As used in this section, "state police" means the Department of Kentucky State**
23 **Police.**
24 **(2) From September 1, 2024, until June 30, 2026, the state police shall operate a pilot**
25 **program to provide operator's license skills testing in five (5) counties in which**
26 **the state police does not provide permanent, full-time, driver licensing testing.**
27 **(3) In administering the pilot project under this section, the state police shall:**

- 1 (a) Identify the counties participating in the pilot project based on both public
2 demand and available state police resources;
- 3 (b) Provide testing in each county at least two (2) times each month;
- 4 (c) Accept applications for testing slots through the state police's online
5 application portal;
- 6 (d) Limit testing only to residents of the pilot project county where the test will
7 be administered;
- 8 (e) Limit testing only to applicants for an intermediate license under KRS
9 186.452; and
- 10 (f) Evaluate service levels, unsubscribed appointments, and no-shows during
11 the term of the pilot project and, if necessary, move the pilot project to
12 another county identified in subsection (2) of this section, while
13 maintaining the pilot project in at least five (5) counties during the term of
14 the project.
- 15 (3) The state police shall collect data on testing done under this section and, by
16 October 31, 2025, submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for
17 referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation providing:
- 18 (a) Counts of the number of available testing appointments in each county,
19 applicants served, unclaimed testing slots, and no-show appointments;
- 20 (b) Information regarding how the pilot program affected testing associated
21 with regional licensing offices; and
- 22 (c) Recommendations on the continuation or expansion of the pilot project.

23 ➔ Section 6. Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.