

HOUSE BILL 545

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to digital state identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of safety is directed to perform a study of laws in this state and other states related to the implementation of a secure digital license system for authorizing persons to present or submit evidence of a driver license or photo identification license in an optional digital format in lieu of a physical license, and the use or development of a mobile software application capable of being utilized via a person's electronic device to access a digital image of the person's driver license or photo identification license.

(b) The department shall prepare a report comparing those laws and identifying any benefits those laws provide. The study must be conducted from the department's existing resources.

(c) On or before January 1, 2024, the department shall report its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the transportation committee of the house of representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate and provide a copy of the report to the legislative librarian. The report may be delivered electronically.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.