

SENATE BILL 2242

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to exemptions from fees for
certain driver licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

(d)

(1) A person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older must not be charged a fee for issuance or renewal of a Class D driver license upon certifying on the application for issuance or renewal, and submitting supporting documentation as required in subdivision (d)(2), that the person's income falls below the federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services.

(2) The application must be accompanied by any of the following documentation establishing the person's income eligibility under subdivision (d)(1):

- (A) Federal income tax return from the previous year;
- (B) Financial statements; or
- (C) Payroll receipts.

(3) The department may perform income verification or other related services to verify a person's income eligibility under this subsection (d). Tax returns and other financial records submitted for purposes of income verification

are confidential and are not subject to inspection under title 10, chapter 7, but must be made available to local or state officials who administer, enforce, or audit the requirements imposed under this subsection (d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-312(f)(1), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

A minor issued a hardship license under this subsection (f) must not be charged a fee for the issuance.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.