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To require the Bureau of Prisons to issue identification documents to prisoners being released from Federal custody, and for other purposes.

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Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MORAN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MFUME, Mr. BACON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. McCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To require the Bureau of Prisons to issue identification documents to prisoners being released from Federal custody, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “BOP Release Card
5 ID Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR PRISONERS**
2 **BEING RELEASED.**

3 (a) PRISONERS BEING RELEASED FROM FEDERAL
4 CUSTODY.—Section 4042 of title 18, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
7 section (e); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(d) IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—

11 “(1) IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.—Not later
12 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the
13 BOP Release Card ID Act of 2024, the Director
14 shall issue a photo identification release card that
15 meets the minimum standards under section 202(b)
16 of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (49 U.S.C. 30301(b)
17 note) to each prisoner who is a citizen of the United
18 States and is being released from custody from a fa-
19 cility of the Bureau of Prisons.

20 “(2) PERIOD OF VALIDITY.—A photo identifica-
21 tion release card shall be valid for not less than 18
22 months after the date on which the prisoner to
23 whom the card is issued is released from custody.

24 “(3) ACCEPTANCE OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION
25 RELEASE CARD FOR STATE IDS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall ne-
2 gotiate with each State to establish a system
3 under which a prisoner may use a photo identi-
4 fication release card to obtain identification
5 from the State.

6 “(B) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year
7 after the date of enactment of the BOP Release
8 Card ID Act of 2024, and every year there-
9 after, the Director shall submit to the Com-
10 mittee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the
11 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
12 Representatives a report on the progress of the
13 Director in negotiating agreements under sub-
14 paragraph (A).

15 “(4) ACCEPTANCE OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION
16 RELEASE CARD FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND BY
17 FEDERAL AGENCIES.—A photo identification release
18 card shall be accepted as proof of the identity of the
19 former prisoner to whom the card relates for pur-
20 poses of—

21 “(A) the old-age, survivors, and disability
22 insurance benefits program established under
23 title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 401 et seq.);

1 “(B) the Medicaid program established
2 under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.);

4 “(C) the Medicare program established
5 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

7 “(D) any other program, project, or activ-
8 ity of the Department of Health and Human
9 Services;

10 “(E) the supplemental nutrition assistance
11 program established under the Food and Nutri-
12 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

13 “(F) any program, project, or activity
14 funded by the temporary assistance for needy
15 families program under part A of title IV of the
16 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

17 “(G) any program, project, or activity of
18 the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services of
19 the Administrative Office of the United States
20 Courts;

21 “(H) any program, project, or activity of
22 the Court Services and Offender Supervision
23 Agency for the District of Columbia;

24 “(I) any program, project, or activity of
25 the Department of Education;

1 “(J) any program, project, or activity of
2 the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-
3 opment;

4 “(K) any program, project, or activity of
5 the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

6 “(L) any requirement for an individual to
7 present an identification document to obtain
8 entry into a Federal building.

9 “(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
10 this subsection may be construed to satisfy the re-
11 quirement for the Bureau of Prisons to establish
12 prerelease planning procedures under subsection
13 (a)(6).

14 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

15 “(A) the term ‘Director’ means the Direc-
16 tor of the Bureau of Prisons; and

17 “(B) the term ‘State’ means each of the
18 several States of the United States, the District
19 of Columbia, and any commonwealth or terri-
20 tory of the United States.”.

21 (b) GUIDANCE FOR STATES.—

22 (1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than one year after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney
24 General shall issue guidance for States regarding the
25 issuance of photo identification release cards for

1 prisoners being released from custody of a correc-
2 tional facility of the State.

3 (2) STATE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
4 term “State” means each of the several States of
5 the United States, the District of Columbia, and any
6 commonwealth or territory of the United States.

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