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By Representatives Ryu and Orwall

1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the issuance fees for drivers'
2 licenses and identicards; and amending RCW 46.20.117, 46.20.161,
3 46.20.181, and 46.20.202.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2017 c 122 s 2 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) **Issuance.** The department shall issue an identicard,
8 containing a picture, if the applicant:

9 (a) Does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;

10 (b) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW 46.20.035; and

11 (c) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in subsection (5)
12 of this section, the issuance fee is fifty-four dollars, unless an
13 applicant is: (i) A recipient of continuing public assistance grants
14 under Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary of
15 social and health services; or (ii) under the age of eighteen and
16 does not have a permanent residence address as determined by the
17 department by rule. For those persons, the issuance fee must be the
18 actual cost of production of the identicard.

19 (2)(a) **Design and term.** The identicard must:

20 (i) Be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with
21 the official driver's license; and

1 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, expire
2 on the sixth anniversary of the applicant's birthdate after issuance.

3 (b) The identicard may include the person's status as a veteran,
4 consistent with RCW 46.20.161(~~((2))~~) (3).

5 (3) **Renewal.** An application for identicard renewal may be
6 submitted by means of:

7 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

8 (b) Mail or electronic commerce, if permitted by rule of the
9 department and if the applicant did not renew his or her identicard
10 by mail or by electronic commerce when it last expired.

11 An identicard may not be renewed by mail or by electronic
12 commerce unless the renewal issued by the department includes a
13 photograph of the identicard holder.

14 (4) **Cancellation.** The department may cancel an identicard if the
15 holder of the identicard used the card or allowed others to use the
16 card in violation of RCW 46.20.0921.

17 (5) **Alternative issuance/renewal/extension.** The department may
18 issue or renew an identicard for a period other than six years, or
19 may extend by mail or electronic commerce an identicard that has
20 already been issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as
21 possible, the yearly renewal rate of identicard holders. The issuance
22 fee for an identicard issued or renewed for a period other than six
23 years, or that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is
24 nine dollars for each year that the identicard is issued, renewed, or
25 extended. The department may adopt any rules as are necessary to
26 carry out this subsection.

27 (6) The issuance fees in this section are not applicable to an
28 enhanced identicard issued under RCW 46.20.202.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.161 and 2014 c 185 s 1 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The department, upon receipt of (~~(a)~~) an issuance fee of
32 (~~((forty five dollars from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and))~~)
33 fifty-four dollars (~~((after June 30, 2013))~~), unless the driver's
34 license is issued for a period other than (~~((five years from October~~
35 ~~1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or))~~) six years (~~((after June 30, 2013))~~), in
36 which case the issuance fee shall be nine dollars for each year that
37 the license is issued, which includes the fee for the required
38 photograph, shall issue to every qualifying applicant a driver's
39 license. A driver's license issued to a person under the age of

1 eight is an intermediate license, subject to the restrictions
2 imposed under RCW 46.20.075, until the person reaches the age of
3 eighteen. The license must include a distinguishing number assigned
4 to the licensee, the name of record, date of birth, Washington
5 residence address, photograph, a brief description of the licensee,
6 either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon
7 which the licensee shall write his or her usual signature with pen
8 and ink immediately upon receipt of the license, and, if applicable,
9 the person's status as a veteran as provided in subsection ~~((2))~~
10 (3) of this section. No license is valid until it has been so signed
11 by the licensee.

12 (2) The issuance fees in this section are not applicable to an
13 enhanced driver's license issued under RCW 46.20.202.

14 (3) A person may apply to the department to obtain a veteran
15 designation on a driver's license issued under this section by
16 providing the United States department of defense discharge document,
17 DD Form 214, as it exists on August 30, 2017, or such subsequent date
18 as may be provided by the department by rule, consistent with the
19 purposes of this section, that shows a discharge status of
20 "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions" that establishes
21 the person's service in the armed forces of the United States.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.181 and 2012 c 80 s 9 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) or (5) of this section,
25 every driver's license expires on the sixth anniversary of the
26 licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license.

27 (2) A person may renew his or her license on or before the
28 expiration date by submitting an application as prescribed by the
29 department and paying ~~((a)) an issuance fee of ((forty-five dollars~~
30 ~~from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and))~~ fifty-four dollars
31 ~~((after June 30, 2013))~~. This fee includes the fee for the required
32 photograph. The issuance fees in this subsection are not applicable
33 to an enhanced driver's license issued under RCW 46.20.202.

34 (3) A person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty
35 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten
36 dollars in addition to the issuance renewal fee, unless his or her
37 license expired when:

38 (a) The person was outside the state and he or she renews the
39 license within sixty days after returning to this state; or

1 (b) The person was incapacitated and he or she renews the license
2 within sixty days after the termination of the incapacity.

3 (4) The department may issue or renew a driver's license for a
4 period other than (~~five years from October 1, 2012, to June 30,~~
5 ~~2013, or~~) six years (~~(after June 30, 2013,)~~) or may extend by mail
6 or electronic commerce a license that has already been issued, in
7 order to evenly distribute, as nearly as possible, the yearly renewal
8 rate of licensed drivers. The issuance fee for a driver's license
9 issued or renewed for a period other than (~~five years from October~~
10 ~~1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or~~) six years (~~(after June 30, 2013,)~~), or
11 that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is nine
12 dollars for each year that the license is issued, renewed, or
13 extended. The issuance fees in this subsection are not applicable to
14 an enhanced driver's license issued under RCW 46.20.202. The
15 department may adopt any rules as are necessary to carry out this
16 subsection.

17 (5) A driver's license that includes a hazardous materials
18 endorsement under chapter 46.25 RCW may expire on an anniversary of
19 the licensee's birthdate other than the sixth year following issuance
20 or renewal of the license in order to match, as nearly as possible,
21 the validity of certification from the federal transportation
22 security administration that the licensee has been determined not to
23 pose a security risk. The issuance fee for a driver's license issued
24 or renewed for a period other than (~~five years from October 1, 2012,~~
25 ~~to June 30, 2013, or~~) six years (~~(after June 30, 2013,)~~) is nine
26 dollars for each year that the license is issued or renewed, not
27 including any endorsement fees. The department may adjust the
28 expiration date of a driver's license that has previously been issued
29 to conform to the provisions of this subsection if a hazardous
30 materials endorsement is added to the license subsequent to its
31 issuance. If the validity of the driver's license is extended, the
32 licensee must pay ((a)) an issuance fee of nine dollars for each year
33 that the license is extended. The issuance fees in this subsection
34 are not applicable to an enhanced driver's license issued under RCW
35 46.20.202.

36 (6) The department may adopt any rules as are necessary to carry
37 out this section.

38 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.20.202 and 2017 c 310 s 3 are each amended to
39 read as follows:

1 (1) The department may enter into a memorandum of understanding
2 with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing
3 of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian
4 province of British Columbia.

5 (2) The department may enter into an agreement with the Canadian
6 province of British Columbia for the purposes of implementing a
7 border-crossing initiative.

8 (3)(a) The department may issue an enhanced driver's license or
9 identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state
10 of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an
11 applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States
12 citizenship, identity, and state residency. The department shall
13 continue to offer a standard driver's license and identicard. If the
14 department chooses to issue an enhanced driver's license, the
15 department must allow each applicant to choose between a standard
16 driver's license or identicard, or an enhanced driver's license or
17 identicard.

18 (b) The department shall implement a one-to-many biometric
19 matching system for the enhanced driver's license or identicard. An
20 applicant for an enhanced driver's license or identicard shall submit
21 a biometric identifier as designated by the department. The biometric
22 identifier must be used solely for the purpose of verifying the
23 identity of the holders and for any purpose set out in RCW 46.20.037.
24 Applicants are required to sign a declaration acknowledging their
25 understanding of the one-to-many biometric match.

26 (c) The enhanced driver's license or identicard must include
27 reasonable security measures to protect the privacy of Washington
28 state residents, including reasonable safeguards to protect against
29 unauthorized disclosure of data about Washington state residents. If
30 the enhanced driver's license or identicard includes a radio
31 frequency identification chip, or similar technology, the department
32 shall ensure that the technology is encrypted or otherwise secure
33 from unauthorized data access.

34 (d) The requirements of this subsection are in addition to the
35 requirements otherwise imposed on applicants for a driver's license
36 or identicard. The department shall adopt such rules as necessary to
37 meet the requirements of this subsection. From time to time the
38 department shall review technological innovations related to the
39 security of identity cards and amend the rules related to enhanced
40 driver's licenses and identicards as the director deems consistent

1 with this section and appropriate to protect the privacy of
2 Washington state residents.

3 (e) Notwithstanding RCW 46.20.118, the department may make images
4 associated with enhanced drivers' licenses or identicards from the
5 negative file available to United States customs and border agents
6 for the purposes of verifying identity.

7 (4) (~~Beginning on the effective date of this section,~~) The
8 issuance fee for an enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard
9 is (~~twenty-four dollars, which is in addition to the fees for any~~
10 ~~regular driver's license or identicard~~) twice the standard driver's
11 license or standard identicard issuance fee amount, as specified in
12 RCW 46.20.161 and 46.20.117. If the enhanced driver's license or
13 enhanced identicard is issued, renewed, or extended for a period
14 other than six years, the issuance fee for each class is (~~four~~
15 ~~dollars~~) twice the standard driver's license or standard identicard
16 issuance fee amount, as specified in RCW 46.20.161 and 46.20.117, for
17 each year that the enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard
18 is issued, renewed, or extended.

19 (5) The enhanced driver's license and enhanced identicard fee
20 under this section must be deposited into the highway safety fund
21 unless prior to July 1, 2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of
22 this subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that
23 is the result of the fee increased in section 209, chapter 44, Laws
24 of 2015 3rd sp. sess. must be distributed to the connecting
25 Washington account created under RCW 46.68.395.

26 (a) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
27 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
28 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
29 or clean fuel standard.

30 (b) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
31 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
32 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
33 standard.

34 (c) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
35 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
36 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel
37 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
38 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

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