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By Senator Cleveland

1 AN ACT Relating to implementing an identicard program to provide
2 individuals a Washington state issued identicard; amending RCW
3 46.20.117; adding a new section to chapter 43.185C RCW; and creating
4 a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.185C
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
9 specific purpose, the department, working in conjunction with the
10 department of licensing, shall create and implement an identicard
11 program to provide homeless individuals within Washington state a
12 state-issued identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

13 (2) A homeless individual is eligible for a no cost original or
14 renewal identicard pursuant to this section on a one-time basis,
15 provided the individual:

16 (a) Meets the department of licensing criteria under RCW
17 46.20.117;

18 (b) Meets the definition of a homeless person pursuant to RCW
19 43.185C.010, which can be on a sheltered or unsheltered basis;

20 (c) Is expected to reside in a location within Washington state;
21 and

1 (d) Does not have a current and valid state-issued identicard or
2 driver's license.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2018 c 157 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

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

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

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

9 (c) (i) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in (c) (ii) of
10 this subsection and subsection (5) of this section, the fee is fifty-
11 four dollars, unless an applicant is:

12 ~~((i))~~ (A) A recipient of continuing public assistance grants
13 under Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary of
14 social and health services;

15 ~~((ii))~~ (B) Under the age of eighteen and does not have a
16 permanent residence address as determined by the department by rule;
17 or

18 ~~((iii))~~ (C) An individual who is scheduled to be released from
19 an institution as defined in RCW 13.40.020, a community facility as
20 defined in RCW 72.05.020, or other juvenile rehabilitation facility
21 operated by the department of social and health services or the
22 department of children, youth, and families; or an individual who has
23 been released from such an institution or facility within thirty
24 calendar days before the date of the application.

25 For those persons under (c) (i) (A) through ~~((iii))~~ (C) of this
26 subsection, the fee must be the actual cost of production of the
27 identicard.

28 (ii) A homeless individual eligible for issuance of an identicard
29 under section 1 of this act may not be charged a fee. The department
30 shall ensure that an individual is not eligible for a no fee
31 identicard more than once. The department and the department of
32 commerce shall develop a mechanism to cover the costs of the
33 identicards issued under this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

5 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

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

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

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

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of commerce and the
26 department of licensing may enter into a memorandum of understanding
27 to meet the requirements of this act, and have discretion to
28 implement this act over a period of time not to exceed twelve months
29 from the effective date of this section.

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