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- AN ACT Relating to fraudulent document use; amending RCW 29.07.092,
- 2 46.20.116, and 46.20.117; adding new sections to chapter 43.24 RCW;
- 3 creating a new section; and providing an effective date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that
- 6 identification document fraud is pervasive in Washington state and
- 7 undermines immigration and anticrime policies of this state
- 8 Identification document fraud often involves checks, credit cards,
- 9 licensing, voter registration cards, insurance, welfare, immigration,
- 10 money laundering, and the importation of illegal drugs. This abuse has
- 11 significant legal, economic, and political consequences, and undermines
- 12 the public confidence in governmental and commercial institutions.
- 13 The state driver's license and identification card are the most
- 14 commonly used documents for identification in private and public

- 1 transactions. The legislature finds that the driver's license is not
- 2 used merely to certify driver qualification, nor is the identification
- 3 card a document that should be issued without adequate proof of
- 4 identity.
- 5 Therefore, the legislature directs the Washington state patrol
- 6 organized crime advisory board to report on all aspects of the impact
- 7 of identification document fraud in the state of Washington. The
- 8 report shall include the efficacy of a state policy that the driver's
- 9 license and identification card issued by the department of licensing
- 10 become the basic identification documents of this state, and methods of
- 11 protecting the accuracy and integrity of an identification system. The
- 12 task force shall also report on the use and abuse of the voter
- 13 registration card for identification and other purposes.
- 14 The task force shall report its findings to the legislature by
- 15 January 1, 1993.
- 16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 29.07.092 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 184 s 1 are each
- 17 amended to read as follows:
- 18 The county auditor shall acknowledge each new voter registration or
- 19 transfer by providing or sending the voter a card identifying his or
- 20 <u>her</u> current precinct, <u>plainly stating "not valid for identification</u>"
- 21 <u>purposes</u> and containing such other information as may be prescribed by
- 22 the secretary of state.
- 23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.116 and 1969 ex.s. c 155 s 3 are each amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 (1) The department shall not issue an identicard or Washington
- 26 state driver's license unless the applicant has satisfied the
- 27 department regarding his or her identity. In any event, to satisfy the

- 1 identity requirements of this section, an applicant must display or
- 2 provide the department with at least two of the following:
- 3 (a) An expired or expiring driver's license that contains the
- 4 <u>signature and a photograph of the applicant;</u>
- 5 (b) A valid Washington state identicard;
- 6 (c) A nationally or regionally known credit card containing the
- 7 signature or photograph of the applicant;
- 8 (d) An identification card issued by the United States, a state, or
- 9 an agency or either, of a kind commonly used to identify the members of
- 10 employees of such government agencies, including military
- 11 identification cards, and that contains the signature and the
- 12 photograph of the applicant;
- 13 (e) A certificate or other document issued by a government agency
- 14 commonly used for the purpose of establishing identities;
- 15 (f) An affidavit, or in the case the applicant is a minor, an
- 16 <u>affidavit of his or her parent or quardian.</u>
- 17 (2) The department shall plainly label each license "not valid for
- 18 identification purposes where the applicant is unable to prove his or
- 19 her identity commensurate ((to the regulations)) with this section and
- 20 <u>rules</u> adopted by the director.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **Sec. 4**. The department of licensing and the
- 22 department of social and health services shall each develop procedures
- 23 to inform screening personnel about the identification of fraudulent
- 24 documents.
- 25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department shall forward the
- 26 following information to the appropriate law enforcement agency or
- 27 agencies within a reasonable time of receipt of suspected fraudulent

- 1 documentation relating to the application for driver's licenses or
- 2 identicards:
- 3 (1) The given name and address of the person submitting suspected
- 4 fraudulent documentation;
- 5 (2) A copy of the suspected fraudulent documentation; and
- 6 (3) The reasons why the documentation was suspected to be
- 7 fraudulent.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** The persons informed under section 4 of
- 9 this act are not liable for actions taken in pursuance of the
- 10 requirements of RCW 29.07.092, 46.20.116, 46.20.117, and sections 4 and
- 11 5 of this act.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** For purposes of section 5 of this act,
- 13 "suspected fraudulent document" means a document that the reviewing
- 14 agent has reasonable cause to believe has been fraudulently produced or
- 15 altered.
- 16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.117 and 1986 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read
- 17 as follows:
- 18 (1) The department shall issue "identicards," containing a picture,
- 19 to ((individuals)) nondrivers for a fee of four dollars. However, the
- 20 fee shall be the actual cost of production to recipients of continuing
- 21 public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW who are referred in writing
- 22 to the department by the secretary of social and health services. The
- 23 fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund. To be eligible,
- 24 each applicant shall produce evidence as required by the rules adopted
- 25 by the director that positively proves identity. The "identicard"
- 26 shall be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with the

- 1 official driver's license. The identicard shall expire on the fifth
- 2 anniversary of the applicant's birthdate after issuance.
- 3 (2) The department may cancel an "identicard" upon a showing by its
- 4 records or other evidence that the holder of such "identicard" has
- 5 committed a violation relating to "identicards" defined in RCW
- 6 46.20.336.
- 7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** Sections 4 through 7 of this act are
- 8 each added to chapter 43.24 RCW.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 10.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1993.