
Transportation Committee

HB 2367

Brief Description: Enhancing the security of drivers' licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Roach, Hurst, Curtis, Ericks, Rodne, Lovick, O'Brien, Schindler, Haler, Warnick, Takko, Orcutt, Newhouse, McDonald, Condotta, Jarrett, Ahern, McCune and Kelley.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that the documentation provided by an applicant for a driver's license or identicard when the Department of Licensing (DOL) has waived the standard documentation requirements include a photograph of the applicant.
- Requires applicants for a driver's license or identicard to provide evidence of principal residency in Washington and legal residency in the United States.
- Requires the DOL to electronically store all documents presented by an applicant for a driver's license or identicard.
- Requires the DOL to mail driver's licenses issued to first-time applicants to a valid Washington address.

Hearing Date: 3/1/07

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

An applicant for a driver's license or identicard must provide the Department of Licensing (DOL) with one of the following pieces of documentation that contains a signature and photograph of the applicant:

- a valid or recently expired driver's license or instruction permit;
- a state identification card;
- a government-issued employee identification card;

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- a military identification card;
- a United States passport; or
- an Immigration and Naturalization Service form.

If the applicant is unable to provide the required documentation, the DOL may waive the requirement if it finds that other documentation establishes the identity of the applicant.

A person applying for a driver's license or instruction permit must provide, among other things, their Washington residence address.

Summary of Bill:

The documentation provided by an applicant for a driver's license or identicard when the DOL has waived the standard documentation requirements must include a photograph of the applicant. An applicant for a driver's license or identicard must provide evidence of a principal Washington address by an original, notarized, or certified copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document. The DOL must, when possible, authenticate the address.

Passports presented as an identifying document to receive a driver's license or identicard must contain a valid United States visa or other identifying mark indicating legal presence in the United States.

The DOL must scan and electronically store all documents presented by an applicant for a driver's license or identicard. The DOL must develop a system to appropriately restrict access to stored documents.

When mailing driver's licenses to first-time applicants, the DOL must mail to a valid Washington address.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 27, 2007.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.