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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Klippert, Pettigrew, Chapman, Hayes, Muri, Hudgins, and Robinson; by request of Department of Corrections)

1 AN ACT Relating to issuing a two-year identicard for offenders
2 released from prison facilities; amending RCW 46.20.117 and
3 46.20.117; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; creating new
4 sections; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration
5 date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to create an
8 identicard program to assist incarcerated offenders to obtain a
9 state-issued identicard to aid and prepare offenders for release from
10 prison and reentry into the community. The legislature finds that
11 each step that assists individuals being released from prisons helps
12 incarcerated offenders avoid predictable conditions that lead to
13 future recidivism. In accordance with executive order 16-05 building
14 safe and strong communities through successful reentry, this act
15 intends to ensure that offenders released from state prisons have
16 adequate identification in order to increase public safety and reduce
17 recidivism.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The department, working in conjunction with the department of
2 licensing, shall create and implement an identicard program to
3 provide offenders released within Washington state a state-issued
4 identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

5 (2) The department may determine eligibility for an original,
6 renewal, or replacement identicard pursuant to this section.

7 (3) The department may seek reimbursement for the cost of the
8 identicard issued to offenders pursuant to this section. The
9 department may deduct the cost of the identicard from either the
10 offender's mandatory savings account; or from funds that have been
11 received on the offender's behalf specifically for this purpose.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2012 c 80 s 6 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

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

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

17 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW
18 46.20.035; and

19 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in (b) of
20 this subsection or subsection (5) of this section, the fee is
21 ~~((forty five dollars from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and))~~
22 fifty-four dollars ~~((after June 30, 2013))~~, unless an applicant is a
23 recipient of continuing public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW,
24 who is referred in writing by the secretary of social and health
25 services. For those persons the fee must be the actual cost of
26 production of the identicard; or

27 (b) Is eligible for issuance of an identicard under section 2 of
28 this act.

29 (i) A valid identification card issued by the department of
30 corrections may serve as sufficient proof of identity and residency
31 for an applicant under this subsection (1)(b);

32 (ii) An identicard issued under this subsection (1)(b) must
33 expire two years from the first anniversary of the offender's
34 birthdate after issuance; and

35 (iii) The department may charge the department of corrections a
36 fee of eighteen dollars for an identicard issued under this
37 subsection (1)(b).

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

1 (a) Be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with
2 the official driver's license; and

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

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

8 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

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

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

18 (5) **Alternative issuance/renewal/extension.** The department may
19 issue or renew an identicard for a period other than five years from
20 October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30, 2013,
21 or may extend by mail or electronic commerce an identicard that has
22 already been issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as
23 possible, the yearly renewal rate of identicard holders. The fee for
24 an identicard issued or renewed for a period other than five years
25 from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30,
26 2013, or that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is
27 nine dollars for each year that the identicard is issued, renewed, or
28 extended. The department may adopt any rules as are necessary to
29 carry out this subsection.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2014 c 185 s 2 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

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33 containing a picture, if the applicant:

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

35 ~~((b))~~ (ii) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW
36 46.20.035; and

37 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in (b) of
38 this subsection or subsection (5) of this section, the fee is
39 ~~((forty five dollars from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, and))~~

1 fifty-four dollars (~~after June 30, 2013~~), unless an applicant is a
2 recipient of continuing public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW,
3 who is referred in writing by the secretary of social and health
4 services. For those persons the fee must be the actual cost of
5 production of the identicard; or

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7 this act.

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9 corrections may serve as sufficient proof of identity and residency
10 for an applicant under this subsection (1)(b);

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12 expire two years from the first anniversary of the offender's
13 birthdate after issuance; and

14 (iii) The department may charge the department of corrections a
15 fee of eighteen dollars for an identicard issued under this
16 subsection (1)(b).

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

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

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

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

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

27 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

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6 nine dollars for each year that the identicard is issued, renewed, or
7 extended. The department may adopt any rules as are necessary to
8 carry out this subsection.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of corrections and the
10 department of licensing may enter into a memorandum of understanding
11 to meet the requirements of this act, and have discretion to
12 implement this act over a period of time not to exceed twelve months
13 from the effective date of this section.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 4 of this act takes effect August
15 30, 2017.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Section 3 of this act expires August 30,
17 2017.

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