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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)

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

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

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

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

19 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
20 specific purpose, the department, working in conjunction with the

1 department of licensing, shall create and implement an identicard
2 program to provide offenders releasing within Washington state a
3 state-issued identicard pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.

4 (2) An offender is eligible for an original, renewal, or
5 replacement identicard pursuant to this section, provided he or she:

6 (a) Meets the department of licensing criteria under RCW
7 46.20.117;

8 (b) Is sentenced to the custody of the department, and is
9 incarcerated within a correctional facility with an earned release
10 date that is more than one year from his or her admission date;

11 (c) Is expected to be released to a location within Washington
12 state, and is not expected to be transported or otherwise detained in
13 a federal correctional or detention facility or a correctional or
14 detention facility in another state; and

15 (d) Does not have a current and valid state-issued identicard.

16 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2017 c 122 s 2 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

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

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

21 ((+b+)) (ii) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW
22 46.20.035; and

23 ((+e+)) (iii) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in (b) of
24 this subsection or subsection (5) of this section, the fee is fifty-
25 four dollars, unless an applicant is: ((+i+)) (A) A recipient of
26 continuing public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW, who is
27 referred in writing by the secretary of social and health services;
28 or ((+ii+)) (B) under the age of eighteen and does not have a
29 permanent residence address as determined by the department by rule.
30 For those persons, the fee must be the actual cost of production of
31 the identicard; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

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

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

20 (5) **Alternative issuance/renewal/extension.** The department may
21 issue or renew an identicard for a period other than six years, or
22 may extend by mail or electronic commerce an identicard that has
23 already been issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as
24 possible, the yearly renewal rate of identicard holders. The fee for
25 an identicard issued or renewed for a period other than six years, or
26 that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is nine
27 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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of corrections and the
31 department of licensing may enter into a memorandum of understanding
32 to meet the requirements of this act, and have discretion to
33 implement this act over a period of time not to exceed twelve months
34 from the effective date of this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect January 1, 2019.

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