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1 AN ACT Relating to aligning the issuance of drivers' licenses and
2 identicards with the federal requirements of the REAL ID act at no
3 additional cost to applicants; amending RCW 46.20.091 and 46.20.117;
4 reenacting and amending RCW 46.01.130; adding a new section to
5 chapter 46.20 RCW; repealing RCW 43.41.390 and 46.20.191; and
6 providing an effective date.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) As required in section 202 of the REAL ID Act, P.L. 109-13,
11 and 6 C.F.R. Part 37, the department must issue to a qualifying
12 applicant a driver's license or identicard that is accepted by the
13 federal government for official purposes, as defined in 6 C.F.R. Sec.
14 37.3, as such federal laws and regulations existed on the effective
15 date of this section, or such subsequent date as may be provided by
16 the department by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section.

17 (2) An applicant for a driver's license or identicard for federal
18 purposes must:

19 (a) Submit to a mandatory facial image capture, even if a
20 driver's license or identicard is not issued;

1 (b) Sign a declaration under penalty of perjury, as proscribed
2 under RCW 9A.72.030, that the information presented on the
3 application is true and correct;

4 (c) Present at least one of the following documents required for
5 proof of identity:

6 (i) Valid, unexpired United States passport;

7 (ii) Certified copy of a birth certificate from the Washington
8 state department of health or filed with an equivalent government
9 agency in the individual's state of birth;

10 (iii) Consular report of birth abroad issued by the United States
11 department of state, form FS-240, DS-1350, or FS-545;

12 (iv) Valid, unexpired permanent resident card (form I-551) issued
13 by the United States department of homeland security or immigration
14 and naturalization service or its successor agency;

15 (v) Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the
16 United States department of homeland security, form I-766 or form
17 I-688B;

18 (vi) Unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired United
19 States visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 form documenting
20 the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States;

21 (vii) Certificate of naturalization issued by the United States
22 department of homeland security, form N-550 or form N-570;

23 (viii) Certificate of citizenship issued by the United States
24 department of homeland security, form N-560 or form N-561;

25 (ix) REAL ID driver's license or identification card issued in
26 compliance with federal standards; or

27 (x) Such other documents as the department of homeland security
28 has designated by rule as it existed on the effective date of this
29 section, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department
30 by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section;

31 (d) Present at least one document required under (c) of this
32 subsection that establishes the applicant's date of birth;

33 (e) Except for applicants who present a foreign passport as proof
34 of identity, present his or her social security administration
35 account number card. If the card is not available, the applicant must
36 present a W-2 form, a SSA-1099 form, a non-SSA-1099 form, or a pay
37 stub with the applicant's name and social security number on it. If
38 the applicant is establishing identity with a foreign passport, the
39 applicant must present a social security number or demonstrate
40 nonwork-authorized status;

1 (f) Present at least two documents establishing a person's
2 Washington state residence address, as required in 6 C.F.R. Secs.
3 37.11(f) and 37.17(f), as each existed on the effective date of this
4 section, or such subsequent date as may be provided by the department
5 by rule, consistent with the purposes of this section; and

6 (g) Present satisfactory evidence of lawful status in the United
7 States.

8 (i) The verification of an applicant's identity through the
9 systematic alien verification for entitlements system, or equivalent
10 federally approved lawful status verification system, using one of
11 any of the documents listed in (c)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (vii), or
12 (viii) of this subsection satisfies proof of lawful status in the
13 United States.

14 (ii) An applicant that has provided an identity document listed
15 in (c)(v), (vi), or (ix) of this subsection must also present a
16 second document to establish lawful status in the United States. The
17 second document must be one of the documents identified in (g)(i) of
18 this subsection or documentation issued by the department of homeland
19 security or other federal agencies demonstrating lawful status as
20 determined by the United States citizenship and immigration services.

21 (3) Unless provided otherwise in this section, the applicant must
22 pay the fee as provided in RCW 46.20.161 or 46.20.117, as applicable.

23 (4) Unless provided otherwise in this section, the expiration
24 date and renewal fees are provided in RCW 46.20.117 and 46.20.181, as
25 applicable.

26 (5) When issuing a driver's license or identicard under this
27 section, the department must follow the procedures and meet the
28 applicable requirements and standards in 6 C.F.R. Part 37, as it
29 existed on the effective date of this section, or such subsequent
30 date as may be provided by the department by rule, consistent with
31 the purposes of this section.

32 (6) The department may adjust fees for limited-term drivers'
33 licenses and identicards issued to persons who have temporary lawful
34 status in the United States as defined in 6 C.F.R. Sec. 37.3, as it
35 existed on the effective date of this section, or such subsequent
36 date as may be provided by the department by rule, consistent with
37 the purposes of this section.

38 (7) The department must provide a security marking for drivers'
39 licenses and identicards issued under this section to distinguish the
40 documents from other types of drivers' licenses or identicards issued

1 by the department, as required under 6 C.F.R. Secs. 37.17 and 37.27,
2 as each existed on the effective date of this section, or such
3 subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,
4 consistent with the purposes of this section. Drivers' licenses and
5 identicards issued under RCW 46.20.091 and 46.20.117, respectively,
6 must include a statement on the front of the document that states it
7 is not for federal purposes.

8 (8) The requirements of this section are in addition to the
9 requirements otherwise imposed on applicants for a driver's license
10 or identicard. The department may adopt rules to implement this
11 section.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.091 and 2000 c 115 s 4 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) **Application.** In order to apply for a driver's license or
15 instruction permit, the applicant must provide his or her:

16 (a) Name of record, as established by documentation required
17 under RCW 46.20.035;

18 (b) Date of birth, as established by satisfactory evidence of
19 age;

20 (c) Sex;

21 (d) Washington residence address;

22 (e) Description;

23 (f) Driving licensing history, including:

24 (i) Whether the applicant has ever been licensed as a driver or
25 chauffeur and, if so, (A) when and by what state or country; (B)
26 whether the license has ever been suspended or revoked; and (C) the
27 date of and reason for the suspension or revocation; or

28 (ii) Whether the applicant's application to another state or
29 country for a driver's license has ever been refused and, if so, the
30 date of and reason for the refusal; and

31 (g) Any additional information required by the department.

32 (2) **Sworn statement.** An application for an instruction permit or
33 for an original driver's license must be made upon a form provided by
34 the department. The form must include a section for the applicant to
35 indicate whether he or she has received driver training and, if so,
36 where. The identifying documentation verifying the name of record
37 must be accompanied by the applicant's written statement that it is
38 valid. The information provided on the form must be sworn to and
39 signed by the applicant before a person authorized to administer

1 oaths. An applicant who makes a false statement on an application for
2 a driver's license or instruction permit is guilty of false swearing,
3 a gross misdemeanor, under RCW 9A.72.040.

4 (3) **Driving records from other jurisdictions.** If a person
5 previously licensed in another jurisdiction applies for a Washington
6 driver's license, the department shall request a copy of the
7 applicant's driver's record from the other jurisdiction. The driving
8 record from the other jurisdiction becomes a part of the driver's
9 record in this state.

10 (4) **Driving records to other jurisdictions.** If another
11 jurisdiction requests a copy of a person's Washington driver's
12 record, the department shall provide a copy of the record. The
13 department shall forward the record without charge if the other
14 jurisdiction extends the same privilege to the state of Washington.
15 Otherwise the department shall charge a reasonable fee for
16 transmittal of the record.

17 (5) **Federal purposes.** Any driver's license or instruction permit
18 issued under this section must include a statement on the front of
19 the document that states it is not for federal purposes.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.117 and 2014 c 185 s 2 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

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

24 (a) Does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;
25 (b) Proves his or her identity as required by RCW 46.20.035; and
26 (c) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in subsection (5)
27 of this section, the fee is forty-five dollars from October 1, 2012,
28 to June 30, 2013, and fifty-four dollars after June 30, 2013, unless
29 an applicant is a recipient of continuing public assistance grants
30 under Title 74 RCW, who is referred in writing by the secretary of
31 social and health services. For those persons the fee must be the
32 actual cost of production of the identicard.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

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

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

13 (5) **Alternative issuance/renewal/extension.** The department may
14 issue or renew an identicard for a period other than five years from
15 October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30, 2013,
16 or may extend by mail or electronic commerce an identicard that has
17 already been issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as
18 possible, the yearly renewal rate of identicard holders. The fee for
19 an identicard issued or renewed for a period other than five years
20 from October 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, or six years after June 30,
21 2013, or that has been extended by mail or electronic commerce, is
22 nine 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 (6) **Federal purposes.** Any identicard issued under this section
26 must include a statement on the front of the document that states it
27 is not for federal purposes.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.01.130 and 2013 c 336 s 1 and 2013 c 224 s 1 are
29 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 The director:

31 (1) Shall supervise and control the issuing of vehicle
32 certificates of title, vehicle registrations, and vehicle license
33 plates, and has the full power to do all things necessary and proper
34 to carry out the provisions of the law relating to the registration
35 of vehicles;

36 (2) May appoint and employ deputies, assistants, representatives,
37 and clerks;

38 (3) May establish branch offices in different parts of the state;

1 (4) May appoint county auditors in Washington state or, in the
2 absence of a county auditor, the department or an official of county
3 government as agents for applications for and the issuance of vehicle
4 certificates of title and vehicle registrations; and

5 (5)(a) Shall investigate the conviction records and pending
6 charges of any current employee of or prospective employee being
7 considered for any position with the department who has or will have:

8 (i)(A) The ability to create or modify records of applicants for
9 enhanced drivers' licenses and identicards issued under RCW
10 46.20.202; and

11 (B) The ability to issue enhanced drivers' licenses and
12 identicards under RCW 46.20.202; (~~(C)~~)

13 (ii) The ability to conduct examinations under RCW 46.25.060;
14 (~~(D)~~)

15 (iii) Access to information pertaining to vehicle license plates,
16 drivers' licenses, or identicards under RCW 46.08.066, or vessel
17 registrations issued under RCW 88.02.330 that, alone or in
18 combination with any other information, may reveal the identity of an
19 individual, or reveal that an individual is or was, performing an
20 undercover or covert law enforcement, confidential public health
21 work, public assistance fraud, or child support investigative
22 activity;

23 (iv) The ability to create or modify records of applicants for a
24 federally compliant driver's license under section 1 of this act; or

25 (v) The ability to issue a federally compliant driver's license
26 under section 1 of this act.

27 (b) The investigation consists of a background check as
28 authorized under RCW 10.97.050, 43.43.833, and 43.43.834, and the
29 federal bureau of investigation. The background check must be
30 conducted through the Washington state patrol criminal identification
31 section and may include a national check from the federal bureau of
32 investigation, which is through the submission of fingerprints. The
33 director shall use the information solely to determine the character,
34 suitability, and competence of current or prospective employees
35 subject to this section.

36 (c) The director shall investigate the conviction records and
37 pending charges of an employee subject to:

38 (i) Subsection (5)(a)(i) of this section every five years; and

39 (ii) Subsection (5)(a)(ii) of this section as required under 49
40 C.F.R. Sec. 384.228 as it existed on July 8, 2014, or such subsequent

1 date as may be provided by the department by rule, consistent with
2 the purposes of this section.

3 (d) Criminal justice agencies shall provide the director with
4 information that they may possess and that the director may require
5 solely to determine the employment suitability of current or
6 prospective employees subject to this section.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts are
8 each repealed:

9 (1) RCW 43.41.390 (Implementation of federal REAL ID Act of 2005)
10 and 2007 c 85 s 1; and

11 (2) RCW 46.20.191 (Compliance with federal REAL ID Act of 2005
12 requirements) and 2007 c 85 s 2.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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