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1 AN ACT Relating to issuing an identicard for offenders released
2 from prison facilities; amending RCW 46.20.117; adding a new section
3 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 obtain a state-
8 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 the governor's executive order
13 No. 16-05, "Building Safe and Strong Communities through Successful
14 Reentry," this act intends to ensure that offenders released from
15 state prisons have adequate identification in order to increase
16 public safety and reduce 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 released 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 of corrections,
9 and is incarcerated within a department of corrections facility with
10 an earned release date that is more than one year from his or her
11 admission date;

12 (c) Is expected to be released to a location within Washington
13 state; and

14 (d) Does not have a current and valid state-issued identification
15 card.

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 ~~((c))~~ (iii) Pays the required fee. Except as provided in
24 subsections (1)(b) or (5) of this section, the fee is fifty-four
25 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) A valid identification card issued by the department of
35 corrections may serve as sufficient proof of identity and residency
36 for an applicant under this subsection;

37 (ii) An identicard issued under this subsection must expire two
38 years from the first anniversary of the offender's birthdate after
39 issuance; and

1 (iii) The department may charge the department of corrections a
2 fee of eighteen dollars for an identicard issued under this
3 subsection.

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

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

7 (ii) Except as provided in subsections (1)(b) or (5) of this
8 section, expire on the sixth anniversary of the applicant's birthdate
9 after issuance.

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

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

14 (a) Personal appearance before the department; or

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

18 An identicard may not be renewed by mail or by electronic
19 commerce unless the renewal issued by the department includes a
20 photograph of the identicard holder.

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

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

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of corrections and the
35 department of licensing may enter into a memorandum of understanding
36 to meet the requirements of this act, and have discretion to
37 implement this act over a period of time not to exceed twelve months
38 from the effective date of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect
2 January 1, 2019.

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