
DIGEST

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HB 712 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for a waiver of fees for Class "E" driver's licenses and state identification cards for homeless Louisiana residents.

Present law requires a fee of \$25 for every application or renewal of Class "E" driver's licenses.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV) to waive the fees for issuing, renewing, or providing a duplicate Class "E" driver's license if the resident is homeless, except if the individual's license has been suspended, revoked, or cancelled.

Proposed law requires proof of homelessness in order to receive the waiver of fees for the Class "E" driver's license by presenting a letter attesting to his homeless status. Specifies that the letter must be provided by one of the following entities:

- (1) An established homeless shelter.
- (2) An outreach or supportive service provider.
- (3) A healthcare provider.
- (4) A school homeless liaison staffer.
- (5) A domestic violence service provider.

Proposed law limits the fee waiver solely to La. residents.

Proposed law defines "homeless" or "homelessness" as a person living at or below 100% of the federal poverty line or as defined in federal law.

Present law establishes a fee to issue or renew state identification cards. Requires a \$3 fee for a two-year identification card or \$7.50 for a six-year identification card if the resident is under 16 years old. Further requires a \$15 fee for state identification cards for residents over 16 years old.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, OMV, to waive the fees for issuing, renewing, or providing a duplicate state identification card if the resident is homeless.

Proposed law requires proof of homelessness in order to receive the waiver of fees for the state identification card by presenting a letter attesting to his homeless status. Specifies that the letter must be provided by one of the following entities:

- (1) An established homeless shelter.
- (2) An outreach or supportive service provider.
- (3) A healthcare provider.
- (4) A school homeless liaison staffer.
- (5) A domestic violence service provider.

Proposed law defines "homeless" or "homelessness" as a person living at or below 100% of the federal poverty line or as defined in federal law.

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(Adds R.S. 32:412.4 and R.S. 40:1321.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Change proposed law from permissive to mandatory to require that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, not charge a fee for issuing, renewing, and providing a duplicate state identification card or driver's license for homeless persons.
2. Change proposed law from permissive to mandatory to require that the person demonstrate homelessness by presenting a letter, at the time of application, attesting to his homeless status.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add a Louisiana resident requirement to the fee waiver for issuing, renewing, or providing duplicate Class "E" driver's licenses and state identification cards.