

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 712

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides relative to fee waivers by the office of motor vehicles for driver's licenses and state identification cards

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:412.4 and R.S. 40:1321.3, relative to waiver of fees for office of motor
3 vehicles issued credentials; to provide for waiver of fees for Class "E" driver's
4 licenses and state identification cards for homeless persons; to provide for proof of
5 homelessness; to provide for restrictions to the waiver of fees; to provide for
6 definitions; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:412.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §412.4. Homelessness exemption; driver's licenses

10 A.(1) The department shall not charge a fee for issuing, renewing, and
11 providing a duplicate of any Class "E" driver's license for a person who is homeless.

12 The person shall demonstrate homelessness by presenting a letter, at the time of
13 application, attesting to his homelessness from either of the following entities:

14 (a) An established homeless shelter.

15 (b) An outreach or supportive service provider.

16 (c) A healthcare provider.

17 (d) A school homeless liaison staffer.

18 (e) A domestic violence service provider.

1 (2) For the purposes of this Section, the term "homeless" or "homelessness"
2 shall include a person living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty
3 line or as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11302.

4 B. The waiver of fees shall include the issuance, renewal, or duplicate of any
5 Class "E" driver's license.

6 C. The department shall waive a fee that would otherwise be charged for the
7 issuance of any Class "E" drivers license, if the individual confirms he is not in
8 violation of any provision contained in R.S. 32:414.

9 Section 2. R.S. 40:1321.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1321.3. Homelessness exemption; state identification cards

11 A.(1) The department shall not charge a fee for issuing, renewing, and
12 providing a duplicate of any state identification card for a person who is homeless.
13 The person shall demonstrate homelessness by presenting a letter, at the time of
14 application, attesting to his homelessness from either of the following entities:

15 (a) An established homeless shelter.

16 (b) An outreach or supportive service provider.

17 (c) A healthcare provider.

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19 (e) A domestic violence service provider.

20 (2) For the purposes of this Section, the term "homeless" or "homelessness"
21 shall include a person living at or below one hundred percent of the federal poverty
22 line or as defined in 42 U.S.C. 11302.

23 B. The waiver of fees shall include the issuance, renewal, or duplicate of any
24 state identification card.

DIGEST

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HB 712 Engrossed

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

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.

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 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 cards 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.

(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.