

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 963

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Prohibits novelty or unofficial credentials intended to simulate valid state or federal credentials

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:410.1, relative to official state identification credentials; to prohibit novelty  
3 or unofficial credentials intended to simulate state credentials; and to provide for  
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:410.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §410.1. Novelty or unofficial credentials; prohibited

8 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, advertise for sale, sell,  
9 or possess any credential that is fictitious or a facsimile of or intended to simulate a  
10 valid credential issued by any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the  
11 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any foreign country or  
12 government, a United States government issued credential, or a United States  
13 passport or foreign government visa.

14 B. For purposes of this Section, a valid credential shall include, but is not  
15 limited to, any driver's license, driver permit, temporary license, restricted or  
16 hardship license, government issued identification card, school issued identification  
17 card, vehicle registration certificate, or vehicle license plate.

18 C. The following language shall appear on every item that can be interpreted  
19 as a novelty credential in a size or font equal in size to the largest print appearing  
20 anywhere on the novelty item: "This document is a novelty item and cannot be used

1        for any official purposes or as a lawful means of identification or for the operation  
2        of a motor vehicle on any public highway or street".

3                D. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
4        vehicles, may issue a cease and desist order to any person or business who  
5        manufactures, advertises for sale, sells, or possesses any credential, including any  
6        novelty or unofficial credential, which is not in compliance with this Section. Any  
7        such cease and desist order may be served by regular mail with a proof of mailing  
8        issued by the United States Post Office, or hand delivered by a representative of the  
9        department. If the cease and desist order is served by mail with proof of mailing, it  
10       shall be deemed delivered on the seventh calendar day after the date affixed on the  
11       certificate or proof of mailing. The presumption of delivery in this Subsection shall  
12       not apply if the cease and desist order is returned as undeliverable.

13               E. If the person or business subject to the cease and desist order cannot be  
14       served or does not comply with the cease and desist order, the department may file  
15       a petition for injunctive relief as provided in the Code of Civil Procedure for  
16       injunctions in the district court. There shall be no suspensive appeal or stay of an  
17       order or judgment of the district court granting the department a preliminary or  
18       permanent injunction.

19               F. The department may promulgate rules it determines necessary to aid in the  
20       implementation and enforcement of this Section.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits novelty or unofficial credentials intended to simulate valid state or federal credentials.

Proposed law prohibits the manufacture, sale, or possession of any credential that is fictitious or a facsimile of or intended to simulate a valid credential issued by any state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any foreign country or government, a United States government issued credential, or a United States passport or foreign government visa. Such valid credentials include any driver's license, driver permit, temporary license, restricted or hardship license, government

issued identification card, school issued identification card, vehicle registration certificate, or vehicle license plate.

Authorizes the office of motor vehicles to issue a cease and desist order to any person not in compliance with this law. Provides for a procedure for issuance of such order. Also authorizes the office to petition for injunctive relief. Authorizes the promulgation of necessary rules.

(Adds R.S. 32:410.1)