

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 152

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides relative to identification of Needs Accommodation Person and law enforcement training regarding mental health. (1/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2405.5(D), to enact R.S. 32:412(O) and R.S. 40:1321(R), and
3 to repeal R.S. 40:2405.5(F), relative to motor vehicles; to provide for identification
4 of persons who need accommodation; to require law enforcement training regarding
5 mental health; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R. S. 32:412(O) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §412. Amount of fees; credit or refund; duration of license; veteran designation;
9 disabled veteran designation; university logo; "I'm a Cajun"
10 designation; **needs accommodation designation**; disbursement of
11 funds; renewal by mail or electronic commerce of Class "D" or "E"
12 drivers' licenses; disposition of certain fees; exception

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14 **O. Upon request of an applicant for a driver's license who needs**
15 **accommodation, the words "Needs Accommodation" shall be exhibited in the**
16 **color black below the person's photograph on the driver's license regardless of**
17 **its class, upon presentation by such applicant with a sworn statement from a**

1 qualified medical professional licensed in Louisiana verifying the reason the
 2 applicant needs accommodation as established by administrative rule. No
 3 additional fee shall be charged to include such designation. The deputy
 4 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety
 5 services, shall comply with the provisions of this Subsection, and shall establish
 6 rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this
 7 Subsection, including a waiver of liability for the release of any medical
 8 information.

9 Section 2. R.S. 40:2405.5(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1321(R)
 10 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1321. Special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; disabled veteran
 12 designation; university logo; "I'm a Cajun" designation; needs
 13 accommodation designation; fees; expiration and renewal;
 14 exceptions; promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less
 15 than twenty-one years of age; the Protect and Save our Children
 16 Program; Selective Service Registration

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18 R. Upon request of an applicant for a special identification card who
 19 needs accommodation, the words "Needs Accommodation" shall be exhibited
 20 in the color black below the person's photograph on the special identification
 21 card, upon presentation by such applicant with a sworn statement from a
 22 qualified medical professional licensed in Louisiana verifying the reason the
 23 applicant needs accommodation as established by administrative rule. No
 24 additional fee shall be charged to include such designation. The deputy
 25 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety
 26 services, shall comply with the provisions of this Subsection, and shall establish
 27 rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this
 28 Subsection, including a waiver of liability for the release of any medical
 29 information.

