

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

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

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY: Provides relative to identifying a sex offender through driver's licenses and identification cards

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:412(I) and 40:1321(J), relative to sex offenders; to provide
3 relative to the driver's license of sex offenders; to provide relative to the
4 identification card of sex offenders; to provide relative to the period of validity of the
5 sex offender's identification card and driver's license; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:412(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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15 (I)(1)(a) The Louisiana driver's license, regardless of its class, issued to any
16 person who is required to register as a sex offender pursuant to R.S. 15:542 and R.S.
17 15:542.1 shall contain a restriction code which declares that the license holder is a
18 sex offender. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
19 comply with the provisions of this Subsection and the driver's license shall include
20 the words "~~sex offender~~" classification T1, T2, or T3 which shall be orange in color.

1 (b) Pursuant to R.S. 15:544, T1 classification is for persons required to
2 register for fifteen years; T2 classification is for persons required to register for
3 twenty-five years; and T3 classification is for persons required to register for life.

4 (2) Any person to whom this Subsection applies shall carry upon his person
5 the last driver's license issued to him.

6 (3) ~~The department shall issue a license required pursuant to this Subsection~~
7 ~~for a period of one year. When the department issues a license pursuant to this~~
8 ~~Subsection the license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of~~
9 ~~issuance.~~

10 (4) ~~Any person to whom this Subsection applies shall personally appear at~~
11 ~~a motor vehicle field office to renew his driver's license every year, in addition to the~~
12 ~~yearly reregistration pursuant to R.S. 15:542 et seq. Reregistration shall include the~~
13 ~~submission of current information to the department and the verification of~~
14 ~~registration information, including the street address and telephone number of the~~
15 ~~registrant, name, street address and telephone number of the registrant's employer,~~
16 ~~and any other registration information that may need to be verified. Upon successful~~
17 ~~completion of reregistration, the bureau shall electronically transmit this fact to the~~
18 ~~office of motor vehicles which may then proceed to renew the driver's license. In~~
19 ~~order to reimburse the office of motor vehicles for the cost of a yearly issuance, the~~
20 ~~regular renewal fee shall be collected at each renewal pursuant to this Subsection.~~

21 (5) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to all registered sex
22 offenders regardless of the date of conviction.

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24 Section 2. R.S. 40:1321(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

25 §1321. Special identification cards; issuance; veteran designation; disabled veteran
26 designation; university logo; "I'm a Cajun" designation; needs
27 accommodation designation; fees; expiration and renewal; exceptions;
28 promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less than twenty-one years

1 of age; the Protect and Save our Children Program; Selective Service
2 Registration

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4 J.(1)(a) Any person required to register as a sex offender with the Louisiana
5 Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, as required by R.S. 15:542 et
6 seq., shall obtain, only if the individual does not have a valid license in accordance
7 with R.S. 32:412(I), a special identification card issued by the Department of Public
8 Safety and Corrections which shall contain a restriction code declaring that the
9 holder is a sex offender. This special identification card shall include the words "sex
10 offender" in all capital letters classification T1, T2, or T3 which are orange in color
11 and shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. This special
12 identification card shall be carried on the person at all times by the individual
13 required to register as a sex offender.

14 (b) Pursuant to R.S. 15:544, T1 classification is for persons required to
15 register for fifteen years; T2 classification is for persons required to register for
16 twenty-five years; and T3 classification is for persons required to register for life.

17 (2) ~~Each person required to carry a special identification card pursuant to this~~
18 ~~Subsection shall personally appear, annually, at a field office of the office of motor~~
19 ~~vehicles to renew his or her special identification card but only after he or she has~~
20 ~~registered as an offender pursuant to R.S. 15:542 et seq. Reregistration shall include~~
21 ~~the submission of current information to the department and the verification of this~~
22 ~~information, which shall include the street address and telephone number of the~~
23 ~~registrant; the name, street address and telephone number of the registrant's~~
24 ~~employer, and any registration information that may need to be verified by the~~
25 ~~bureau. No special identification card shall be issued or renewed until the office of~~
26 ~~motor vehicles receives confirmation from the bureau, electronically or by other~~
27 ~~means, that the reregistration of the sex offender has been completed.~~

28 (3) The provisions of this Subsection shall apply to all sex offenders required
29 to register pursuant to R.S. 15:542 et seq., regardless of the date of conviction.

