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HOUSE BILL NO. 638

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY AND DUPLESSIS

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

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides relative to certain motor vehicle transactions

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:406 and 412.1(B), and to enact R.S. 40:1321(S) and R.S.
3 47:472(C), relative to driver's license transactions; to provide relative to the issuance
4 of Class "D" and "E" driver's license transactions for a change of address; to
5 authorize a licensee to update their permanent address in person, by mail, or online;
6 to exempt certain driver's license handling fees; to provide relative to the issuance
7 of a Real ID compliant license; to exempt certain duplicate certificate of registration
8 fees; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 32:406 and 412.1(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §406. Licensee must give notice of change of address

13 A. Whenever any person after applying for or receiving a license shall move
14 permanently from the address or place of residence named in the application he shall,
15 within ten days thereafter, notify the driver's license division, in writing or
16 electronically of such change and of his new address.

17 B.(1) A licensee may update their permanent address in person, by mail, or
18 online to correct their address for the issuance of a Class "D" or "E" license. The

1 reconstructed driver's license shall be mailed to the licensee's updated permanent
2 address.

3 (2) No cost shall apply pursuant to R.S. 32:412.1 and R.S. 32:413 for
4 transactions to correct an address due to the renaming of a street or highway in
5 accordance with a parish or municipal ordinance.

6 C. The provisions contained in Paragraph (B) of this Section shall not apply
7 to a license which is Real ID compliant. The address of a Real ID compliant license
8 shall be changed at a motor vehicle field office or the office of a public license tag
9 agent authorized to issue Real ID compliant licenses.

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11 §412.1. Handling charges

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13 B.(1) Except as provided in Subsection E of this Section, the office of motor
14 vehicles shall collect, in addition to any fee authorized by law, a handling charge of
15 twelve dollars for each of the following Class "D" and "E" driver's license
16 transactions.

17 ~~(1)~~(a) New applications.

18 ~~(2)~~(b) Renewals.

19 ~~(3)~~(c) Duplicates.

20 ~~(4)~~(d) Valid without photo.

21 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to Class "D" and "E"
22 driver's licenses for a duplicate transaction pursuant to R.S. 32:406 when the change
23 of address was caused by the renaming of a street or highway in accordance with a
24 parish or municipal ordinance.

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26 Section 2. R.S. 40:1321(S) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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1 S. No fee shall be charged for transactions to issue a duplicate special
2 identification card to correct an address due to the renaming of a street or highway
3 in accordance with a parish or municipal ordinance.

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5 Section 3. R.S. 47:472(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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7 C. No fee shall be charged for transactions to issue a duplicate certificate of
8 registration to correct an address due to the renaming of a street or highway in
9 accordance with a parish or municipal ordinance.

10 Section 4. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
11 vehicles, shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary in accordance with the
12 Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts duplicate transactions for a driver's license, special ID card, and certificate of registration from handling charges or fees for a change of address due to a municipal or parish ordinance and authorizes driver's license applicants to update their permanent address by mail or online.

Present law requires a person to notify the driver's license division in writing within 10 days of a change of address after applying for a driver's license.

Proposed law authorizes a licensee to update their permanent address in person, by mail, or online to have their license issued with the correct address for Class "D" and "E" licenses.

Proposed law requires the reconstructed license be mailed to the licensee's updated permanent address.

Proposed law prohibits the application of proposed law from applying to a REAL ID compliant license. Requires the address of a REAL ID compliant license be changed at a motor vehicle field office or the office of an authorized public tag agent.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles (OMV), collect a handling charge of \$12 for new applications, renewals, duplicates, and valid without photo for Class "D" and Class "E" driver's license transactions in addition to any fee authorized by present law.

Present law requires any person who, after applying for or receiving a license, moves from the address, place, or residence listed in the application to notify the driver's license division within 10 days, in writing, of the new address, but otherwise maintains present law.

Proposed law waives the handling charge of \$12 for duplicate transactions for Class "D" and Class "E" licenses and lost or destroyed licenses pursuant to present law when the change of address was caused by the renaming of a street or highway due to a municipal or parish ordinance.

Present law authorizes any La. resident to obtain a special ID card from the office of motor vehicles (OMV). Requires a fee of \$3 for a two year special ID card and a fee of \$5 for every four year special ID card for persons under the age of 16. Authorizes a special ID card be renewed every four years for persons over the age of 16.

Proposed law requires the department waive fees applicable to duplicate transactions for a special ID card pursuant to present law when the change of address was caused by the renaming of a street or highway due to a municipal or parish ordinance.

Present law requires a \$10 fee for a license duplicate plate and \$4 fee for each duplicate certificate of registration.

Proposed law requires the department waive fees for duplicate transactions for a certificate of registration pursuant to present law when the change of address was caused by the renaming of a street or highway due to a municipal or parish ordinance.

Proposed law requires the OMV to promulgate rules and regulations adjusting the La. Administrative Code as necessary to appropriately conform with the provisions of this Act.

(Amends R.S. 32:406 and 412.1(B); Adds R.S. 40:1321(S) and R.S. 47:472(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add a provision that waives fees for any person that is issued a special identification card for transactions to correct an address due to a street or highway name change resulting from a parish or municipal ordinance.
3. Add a provision that waives fees for any person that is issued a certificate of registration for transactions to correct an address due to a street or highway name change resulting from a parish or municipal ordinance.
4. Add a provision that prohibits the provision of proposed law from applying to a REAL ID compliant license. Requires the address of a REAL ID compliant license be changed at a motor vehicle field office or the office of an authorized public tag agent.
5. Add a provision that waives fees for any person that is issued a license that is lost or destroyed, with sufficient proof, for transactions to correct an address due to a street or highway name change resulting from a parish or municipal ordinance.