

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 37

2015 Regular Session

Brown

June 9, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 37 by Representative Brown, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015, be adopted.
2. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2015, be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Riser and adopted by the Senate on June 5, 2015, be adopted.
4. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 11, delete "in the" and at the beginning of line 12, change "color black below the person's photograph on" to "on the back of"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 11, after "exhibited" and before "the special" change "in the color black below the person's photograph on" to "on the back of"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Terry Brown

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Senator Neil Riser

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Representative Frank A. Howard

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Representative Karen Gaudet St. Germain

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Senator Robert Adley

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Authorizes a blood type designation to be included on the back of a person's driver's license or special identification card

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add a provision that specifies a person at least in grade eight, instead of nine, shall be permitted to participate in driver's education.
3. Add a provision that allows a person 70 years old or older, who is medically diagnosed with a disability that precludes renewal of their Class "D" or "E" driver's license in person, to renew their license by mail and if the person seeking renewal is 70 years old or older, proposed law requires a sworn affidavit by a physician certifying such person possesses all cognitive functions reasonably necessary to be a prudent driver.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Made technical changes.
2. Added provisions that specify that the full cost of implementing and performing functions relative to the inclusion of blood type designations on drivers' licenses and identification cards is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, through a reallocation of existing budget resources of the department and not through additional appropriations.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Modify provisions to require the license holder's or special identification card holder's blood type to be exhibited on the back of his license or special identification card.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides relative to drivers' licenses and special identification cards issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services. Provides relative to certain information to be included on the front of each.

Proposed law authorizes a blood type designation to be included on the back of a person's driver's license or special identification card. Requires the promulgation of rules and regulations by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services.

Proposed law specifies that no action taken by any person with regard to any driver's license or identification card displaying a blood type shall create a warranty of the reliability or

accuracy of the document or electronic image or create any liability on the part of the state or any agency thereof.

Present law allows a person in grade nine to participate in driver education 90 days prior to his 15th birthday.

Proposed law changes present law to allow a person in grade eight to participate in driver education.

Present law authorizes the renewal of a Class "D" or "E" driver's license by mail or electronic commerce in certain circumstances.

Proposed law authorizes a person 70 years old or older, who is medically diagnosed with a disability that precludes renewal of their Class "D" or "E" driver's license in person, to renew their license by mail and if the person is 70 years or older, requires a sworn affidavit by a physician certifying such person possesses all cognitive functions reasonably necessary to be a prudent driver.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 32:402.1(D); Adds R.S. 32:410(D), 412(D)(3)(f) and (4)(d) and R.S. 40:1321(N))