

1 H.445

2 Introduced by Representatives Tate of Mendon and Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; operator licenses; nondriver identification cards

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the

7 Department of Motor Vehicles to issue eight-year operator licenses and

8 nondriver identification cards.

9 An act relating to eight-year driver's licenses and identification cards

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:

12 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS

13 (a) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner and
14 be issued an identification card which is attested by the Commissioner as to
15 true name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address
16 is requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other
17 identifying data as the Commissioner may require which shall include, in the
18 case of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent,
19 guardian, or other person standing in loco parentis. Every application for an
20 identification card shall be signed by the applicant and shall contain such

1 evidence of age and identity as the Commissioner may require, consistent with
2 subsection (l) of this section. New and renewal application forms shall include
3 a space for the applicant to request that a “veteran” designation be placed on
4 his or her identification card. If a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2),
5 requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of Defense Form
6 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the Commissioner, and the
7 Office of Veterans Affairs confirms his or her status as an honorably
8 discharged veteran or a veteran discharged under honorable conditions, the
9 identification card shall include the term “veteran” on its face. The
10 Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of \$20.00 at the time application
11 for an identification card is made in the case of four-year cards and of \$35.00
12 in the case of eight-year cards, except that an initial nondriver identification
13 card shall be issued at no charge to a person who surrenders his or her license
14 in connection with a suspension or revocation under subsection 636(b) of this
15 title due to a physical or mental condition.

16 (b) Every identification card shall expire, unless earlier canceled, on the
17 fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue in the case
18 of four-year cards, and on the eighth birthday of the applicant following the
19 date of original issue in the case of eight-year cards, and may be renewed every
20 four years upon payment of a \$20.00 fee or every eight years for a \$35.00 fee.
21 At least 30 days before an identification card will expire, the Commissioner

1 shall mail first class to the cardholder an application to renew the identification
2 card.

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4 (j) Persons receiving Supplemental Security Income or Social Security
5 Disability Income and persons with a disability as defined in 9 V.S.A.
6 § 4501(2) shall be provided with nondriver identification cards for the
7 following fees:

8 (1) Original issuance of a four-year card: \$10.00. Original issuance of
9 an eight-year card: \$15.00.

10 (2) Renewal every four years: \$10.00. Renewal every eight years:
11 \$15.00.

12 (3) Replacement of lost, destroyed, or mutilated card, or a new name is
13 required: \$5.00.

14 (k) At the option of the applicant, his or her valid Vermont license may be
15 surrendered in connection with an application for an identification card. In
16 those instances, the fee due under subsection (a) of this section shall be
17 reduced by:

18 (1) one-eighth of the eight-year fee paid under section 608 of this title
19 for each remaining full year of validity;

20 (2) one-quarter of the four-year fee established by subsection 601(e)
21 paid under section 608 of this title for each remaining full year of validity; or

1 licensing a junior operator or for issuing a junior operator's privilege card shall
2 be \$30.00.

3 (2) A person who surrenders a license or privilege card at least one year
4 prior to its expiration shall be entitled to a refund from monies paid to the
5 Treasury by the Department, as follows:

6 (A) For a two-year license or privilege card, the refund shall be
7 one-half of the two-year fee paid, less a \$5.00 processing charge.

8 (B) For a four-year operator license or privilege card, the refund shall
9 be one-fourth of the four-year fee paid for each remaining full year of validity,
10 less a \$5.00 processing charge.

11 (C) For an eight-year operator license, the refund shall be one-eighth
12 of the eight-year fee paid for each remaining full year of validity, less a \$5.00
13 processing charge.

14 (b) An additional fee of \$2.00 per year shall be paid for a motorcycle
15 endorsement. The endorsement may be obtained for either a two-year ~~or~~
16 four-year, or eight-year period, to be coincidental with the length of the
17 operator's license.

18 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

19 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.