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2 Introduced by Representative Headrick of Burlington
3 Referred to Committee on
4 Date:
5 Subject: Motor vehicles; nondriver identification card; corrections
6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit an
7 individual who has been detained pre-adjudication in a correctional facility for
8 six months or more to obtain a State-issued nondriver identification card for no
9 fee.

10 An act relating to eligibility of detainees to obtain a State-issued nondriver
11 identification card
12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
13 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 115 is amended to read:
14 § 115. NONDRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARDS
15 (a)(1) Any Vermont resident may make application to the Commissioner
16 and be issued an identification card that is attested by the Commissioner as to
17 true name, correct age, residential address unless the listing of another address
18 is requested by the applicant or is otherwise authorized by law, and any other
19 identifying data as the Commissioner may require that shall include, in the case

1 of minor applicants, the written consent of the applicant's parent, guardian, or
2 other person standing in loco parentis.

3 (2) Every application for an identification card shall be signed by the
4 applicant and shall contain such evidence of age and identity as the
5 Commissioner may require, consistent with subsection (l) of this section. New
6 and renewal application forms shall include a space for the applicant to request
7 that a "veteran" designation be placed on the applicant's identification card. If
8 a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) and including an individual
9 disabled during active military, naval, air, or space service, as defined in 38
10 U.S.C. § 101(24), requests a veteran designation and provides a Department of
11 Defense Form 214 or other proof of veteran status specified by the
12 Commissioner, and the Office of Veterans' Affairs confirms the veteran's
13 status as an honorably discharged veteran; a veteran discharged under
14 honorable conditions; or an individual disabled during active military, naval,
15 air, or space service, the identification card shall include the term "veteran" on
16 its face.

17 (3) The Commissioner shall require payment of a fee of \$29.00 at the
18 time application for an identification card is made, except that an initial
19 nondriver identification card shall be issued at no charge to:

5 (f) The Commissioner shall cancel the identification card if the card is
6 fraudulently obtained, altered, or misused.

7 (g) An identification card issued to a first-time applicant and any
8 subsequent renewals by that person shall contain a photograph or imaged
9 likeness of the applicant. The photographic identification card shall be
10 available at a location designated by the Commissioner. An individual issued
11 an identification card under this subsection that contains an imaged likeness
12 may renew the individual's identification card by mail. Except that a renewal
13 by an individual required to have a photograph or imaged likeness under this
14 subsection must be made in person so that an updated imaged likeness of the
15 individual is obtained not less often than once every nine years.

16 (h) An identification card issued to an individual who is under 18 years of
17 age shall be distinguishable by color from an identification card issued to an
18 individual who is 18 years of age or older but under 21 years of age, and both
19 cards shall be distinguishable by color from an identification card issued to an
20 individual 21 years of age or older. An identification card issued to an
21 individual under 21 years of age shall clearly indicate, in prominent type, the

1 date on which the individual will become 21. The distinguishing colors shall
2 be the same as those used to distinguish operator's licenses issued under
3 section 610 of this title.

4 (i) An identification card issued under this subsection to an initial or
5 renewal applicant shall include data elements as prescribed in 6 C.F.R. § 37.19.
6 (j) Individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income or Social Security
7 Disability Income and individuals with a disability as defined in 9 V.S.A.
8 § 4501(2) shall be provided with nondriver identification cards for the
9 following fees:

10 (1) Original issuance: \$10.00.
11 (2) Renewal every four years: \$10.00.
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, the applicant's valid Vermont license
15 may be surrendered in connection with an application for an identification
16 card. In those instances, the fee due under subsection (a) of this section shall
17 be reduced by:

18 (1) one-quarter of the four-year fee established by section 608 of this
19 title for each remaining full year of validity; or
20 (2) one-half of the two-year fee paid for each remaining full year of
21 validity.

4 (m)(1) An individual inmate who is sentenced to serve a period of
5 imprisonment of six months or more ~~committed to the custody of the~~
6 ~~Commissioner of Corrections in a correctional facility or who is detained in a~~
7 ~~correctional facility prior to adjudication for six months or more and~~ who is
8 eligible for a nondriver identification card under the requirements of this
9 section shall, upon proper application and in advance of release from a
10 correctional facility, be provided with a nondriver identification card for a fee
11 of \$0.00. For purposes of this subsection, “inmate” and “correctional facility”
12 have the same meanings as provided in 28 V.S.A. § 3.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.