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driver license fees; homeless exemption

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# **HOUSE BILL 2143**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-3165, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Section 28-3165, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-3165. Nonoperating identification license; immunity;  
5 rules; emancipated minors

6 A. On receipt of an application from a person who does not have a  
7 valid driver license issued by this state or whose driving privilege is  
8 suspended, the department shall issue a nonoperating identification  
9 license that contains a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee,  
10 the full legal name, the date of birth, the residence address and a brief  
11 description of the licensee and either a facsimile of the signature of the  
12 licensee or a space on which the licensee is required to write the  
13 licensee's usual signature with pen and ink. A nonoperating  
14 identification license that is issued to a person whose driving privilege  
15 is suspended shall not be valid for more than one hundred eighty days from  
16 the date of issuance.

17 B. On request of an applicant:

18 1. The department shall allow the applicant to provide on the  
19 nonoperating identification license a post office box address that is  
20 regularly used by the applicant.

21 2. If the applicant submits satisfactory proof to the department  
22 that the applicant is a veteran, the department shall allow a  
23 distinguishing mark to appear on the nonoperating identification license  
24 that identifies that person as a veteran.

25 C. A person who is issued a license pursuant to this section shall  
26 use it only for identification purposes of the licensee. The nonoperating  
27 identification license does not grant authority to operate a motor vehicle  
28 in this state. The department shall clearly label the nonoperating  
29 identification license "for identification only, not for operation of a  
30 motor vehicle".

31 D. On issuance of a driver license, the holder of a nonoperating  
32 identification license shall surrender the nonoperating identification  
33 license to the department and the department shall not refund any fee paid  
34 for the issuance of the nonoperating identification license.

35 E. A nonoperating identification license shall contain the  
36 photograph of the licensee. The department shall use a process in the  
37 issuance of nonoperating identification licenses that prohibits as nearly  
38 as possible the ability to superimpose a photograph on the license without  
39 ready detection. The department shall process nonoperating identification  
40 licenses and photo attachments in color.

41 F. On application, an applicant shall give the department  
42 satisfactory proof of the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, sex  
43 and residence address, if the applicant has a residence address, and that  
44 the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal  
45 law. The application shall briefly describe the applicant, state whether  
46 the applicant has been licensed, and if so, the type of license issued,

1 when and by what state or country and whether any such license is under  
2 suspension, revocation or cancellation. The application shall contain  
3 other identifying information required by the department.

4 G. The department may adopt and implement procedures to deny a  
5 nonoperating identification license to a person who has been deported.  
6 The department may adopt and implement procedures to reinstate a person's  
7 privilege to apply for a nonoperating identification license if the  
8 person's legal presence status is restored.

9 H. A nonoperating identification license issued by the department  
10 is solely for the use and convenience of the applicant for identification  
11 purposes.

12 I. The department shall adopt rules and establish fees for issuance  
13 of a nonoperating identification license, except that the department shall  
14 not require an examination.

15 J. The fees established pursuant to this section do not apply to  
16 any of the following:

17 1. A person who is sixty-five years of age or older.  
18 2. A person who is a recipient of public monies as an individual  
19 with a disability under title XVI of the social security act, as amended.

20 3. A ~~veteran~~ PERSON who does not have a residence address.  
21 4. A ~~veteran~~ PERSON whose residence address is the address of a  
22 shelter that provides services to the homeless.

23 5. A child WHO IS in the custody of the department of child safety.

24 K. If a person qualifies for a nonoperating identification license  
25 and is under the legal drinking age, the department shall issue a license  
26 that is marked by color, code or design to immediately distinguish it from  
27 a nonoperating identification license issued to a person of legal drinking  
28 age. The department shall indicate on the nonoperating identification  
29 license issued pursuant to this subsection the year in which the person  
30 will attain the legal drinking age.

31 L. If a minor has been emancipated pursuant to title 12, chapter  
32 15, on application and proof of emancipation, the department shall issue a  
33 nonoperating identification license that contains the words "emancipated  
34 minor".

35 M. Notwithstanding any other law, if an applicant for a  
36 nonoperating identification license is at least sixteen years of age and  
37 either does not have a residence address or is in the department of child  
38 safety's custody, the applicant does not need a signature of the  
39 applicant's parent, guardian, foster parent or employer.

40 N. ~~For the purposes of this section, "veteran" has the same meaning  
41 prescribed in section 41-601.~~

42 N. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, A  
43 NONOPERATING IDENTIFICATION LICENSE THAT IS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM  
44 AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION IS VALID  
45 FOR EIGHT YEARS.