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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
91ST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2001**

Introduced by Reps. Allen, Spade, Birkholz, Sanborn, Ruth Johnson, Rivet, Mead, Ehardt and Tabor

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5148

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending section 310 (MCL 257.310), as amended by 1998 PA 226.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 310. (1) The secretary of state shall issue an operator's license to each person licensed as an operator and a chauffeur's license to each person licensed as a chauffeur. An applicant for a motorcycle indorsement under section 312a or a vehicle group designation or indorsement shall first qualify for an operator's or chauffeur's license before the indorsement or vehicle group designation application is accepted and processed.

(2) The license issued under subsection (1) shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The distinguishing number permanently assigned to the licensee.

(b) The full name, date of birth, address of residence, height, eye color, sex, an image, and the signature of the licensee.

(c) An indication that the license contains 1 or more of the following:

(i) The blood type of the licensee.

(ii) Immunization data of the licensee.

(iii) Medication data of the licensee.

(iv) A statement that the licensee is deaf.

(v) A statement that the licensee is an organ and tissue donor pursuant to part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10109.

(vi) Emergency contact information of the licensee.

(vii) A sticker or decal as specified by the secretary of state to indicate that the licensee has designated 1 or more patient advocates in accordance with section 5506 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506, or a statement that the licensee carries an emergency medical information card.

(d) If the licensee has made a statement described in subdivision (c)(v), the signature of the licensee following the indication of his or her organ and tissue donor intent identified in subdivision (c)(v), along with the signature of at least 1 witness.

(e) The sticker or decal described in subdivision (c)(vii) may be provided by any person, hospital, school, medical group, or association interested in assisting in implementing the emergency medical information card, but shall meet the specifications of the secretary of state. The emergency medical information card may contain the information described in subdivision (c)(vi), information concerning the licensee's patient advocate designation, other emergency medical information, or an indication as to where the licensee has stored or registered emergency medical information.

(3) Except as otherwise required in this chapter, other information required on the license pursuant to this chapter may appear on the license in a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(4) The license shall not contain a fingerprint or finger image of the licensee.

(5) A digitized license may contain an identifier for voter registration purposes. The digitized license may contain information appearing in electronic or machine readable codes needed to conduct a transaction with the secretary of state. The information shall be limited to the person's driver license number, birth date, license expiration date, and other information necessary for use with electronic devices, machine readers, or automatic teller machines and shall not contain the person's name, address, driving record, or other personal identifier. The license shall identify the encoded information.

(6) The license shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate the license without ready detection. In addition, a license with a vehicle group designation shall contain the information required pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 383.

(7) A person who intentionally reproduces, alters, counterfeits, forges, or duplicates a license photograph, the negative of the photograph, an image, a license, the electronic data contained on a license or a part of a license, or who uses a license, an image, or photograph that has been reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated is subject to 1 of the following:

(a) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense punishable by imprisonment for 1 or more years, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for a period equal to the imprisonment that could be imposed for the commission of the offense the person had the intent to aid or commit. The court may also assess a fine of not more than \$10,000.00 against the person.

(b) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

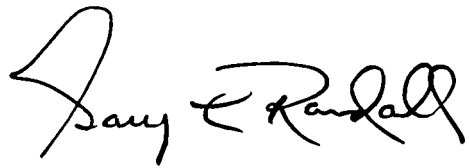
(8) The secretary of state, upon determining after an examination that an applicant is mentally and physically qualified to receive a license, may issue to that person a temporary driver's permit entitling the person while having the permit in his or her immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the highway for a period not exceeding 60 days before issuance to the person of an operator's or chauffeur's license by the secretary of state.

(9) An operator or chauffeur may indicate on the license in a place designated by the secretary of state his or her blood type, emergency contact information, immunization data, medication data, or a statement that the licensee is deaf, or a statement that the licensee is an organ and tissue donor and has made an anatomical gift pursuant to part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10109.

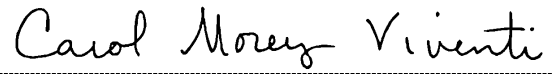
(10) An operator or chauffeur may indicate on the license in a place designated by the secretary of state that he or she has designated a patient advocate in accordance with sections 5506 to 5513 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506 to 700.5513.

(11) If the applicant provides proof to the secretary of state that he or she is a minor who has been emancipated pursuant to 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, the license shall bear the designation of the individual's emancipated status in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved

Governor.