

1 HB297  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of  
9 Corrections is required to issue minimum  
10 documentation of identification to inmates upon  
11 release to allow the released inmate to obtain  
12 employment.

13 This bill would require the Department of  
14 Corrections to allow an inmate to apply for a  
15 non-driver identification card prior to release.  
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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 To amend Section 14-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
22 relating to the discharge of convicts; to require the  
23 Department of Corrections to allow an inmate to apply for a  
24 non-driver identification card prior to release.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 14-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

1           "§14-10-1.

2           "The Department of Corrections shall adopt  
3 reasonable regulations and criteria to determine those state  
4 inmates that require clothing and transportation upon the  
5 expiration of their term of custody, and before the expiration  
6 of their term of custody for each state inmate shall make a  
7 reasonable determination of whether or not the state inmate  
8 has ready and immediate access to clothing and transportation,  
9 that meet the requirements of this section. Each state inmate,  
10 who is determined to require clothing and transportation  
11 shall, at the expiration of his term of custody, be discharged  
12 from the custody and shall be furnished with clothes and with  
13 the least expensive mode of public transportation to the point  
14 where the inmate is to report for parole and probation  
15 supervision, or to the point of sentencing, to be paid from  
16 the Department of Corrections general operating funds.  
17 Clothing shall be of decent and reasonable quality for  
18 employment. The Department of Corrections shall provide  
19 minimum documentation for identification, including a social  
20 security card, necessary to obtain employment. The Department  
21 of Corrections shall also allow an inmate to obtain a  
22 non-driver identification card; provided, the inmate pays for  
23 any costs incurred in obtaining the card. Any inmate entitled  
24 to clothing and transportation may waive same, in which case  
25 the Department of Corrections shall not be required to make  
26 any payment in lieu of clothing and transportation. Each state  
27 inmate shall receive this clothing and transportation

1 allowance only once per offense and multiple offenses being  
2 served consecutively or concurrently shall for this purpose be  
3 considered one offense; but the Department of Corrections may  
4 at its discretion furnish transportation as noted above upon  
5 any discharge. If such inmate is charged with the commission  
6 of any other criminal offense, he must be delivered to the  
7 proper sheriff or officer to answer such charge."

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
9 first day of the third month following its passage and  
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.