

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 218

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to offenders; providing for extension of certain driver licenses; providing for certain eligibility; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide certain assistance; providing for certain agreement and issuance of provisional license; authorizing rule promulgation; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 513.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 513.3), which relates to the Sarah Stitt Act; updating statutory reference; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-205.3 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person:

1. Who has been convicted of an offense other than an offense requiring mandatory revocation of the individual's driver license, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-205 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1 2. Who held a valid, unexpired Oklahoma driver license upon
2 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections which
3 expired during the person's term of imprisonment or within six (6)
4 months after the person is discharged from incarceration,
5 shall have the expiration date of his or her driver license extended
6 for a period of six (6) months after he or she is released from the
7 custody of the Department of Corrections. This subsection shall not
8 be construed to confer driving privileges to an individual in any
9 jurisdiction other than this state.

10 B. Prior to the expiration of the six-month period, the person
11 shall be eligible to enter into an agreement with Service Oklahoma
12 for issuance of a provisional license as provided for in subsection
13 D of Section 6-212 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided,
14 the Department of Corrections shall provide the person with relevant
15 documentation to assist in obtaining a provisional license before
16 being released from custody. The person shall pay a minimum of
17 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month toward the satisfaction of
18 outstanding fees and fines including, but not limited to,
19 provisional license fees, warrant fees, court costs or fees, or
20 driver license or commercial driver license reinstatement fees.
21 Service Oklahoma may suspend or revoke a provisional license if the
22 person fails to honor the payment plan.

1 C. Service Oklahoma and the Department of Corrections are
2 authorized to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the
3 provisions of this section.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 513.3, as
5 amended by Section 1, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2024,
6 Section 513.3), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 513.3. A. When any inmate shall be discharged from an
8 institution of the Department of Corrections and the intended
9 residence designated by the inmate is within this state, the
10 Department of Corrections shall provide the inmate with relevant
11 documentation to assist the inmate in obtaining post-release
12 employment and shall coordinate with ~~the Department of Public Safety~~
13 Service Oklahoma to provide a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification
14 Card if the inmate does not have a current state-issued
15 identification card or driver license.

16 B. 1. Within nine (9) months prior to the release of an inmate
17 from custody, the Department of Corrections shall identify whether
18 the inmate has a current form of state identification and begin the
19 process of gathering the documentation required for the issuance of
20 a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card pursuant to Section 6-
21 105.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. If an inmate has any
22 valid form of a state-issued identification card or driver license,
23 the inmate may avail himself or herself of the provisions of this
24 section.

1 2. The Department of Corrections may utilize any funds
2 available to cover the costs associated with the implementation and
3 administration of this section and the purchase of REAL ID
4 Noncompliant Identification Cards, including, but not limited to,
5 inmate trust funds, existing funds of the Department of Corrections,
6 and donations.

7 3. The provisions of this section shall apply only to inmates
8 who may receive a state-issued identification card pursuant to
9 Section 1550.42 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

10 C. For purposes of assisting an inmate in obtaining post-
11 release employment, the Department of Corrections shall provide the
12 inmate with the following documentation:

13 1. A copy of the vocational training record of the inmate, if
14 applicable;

15 2. A copy of the work record of the inmate, if applicable;

16 3. A certified copy of the birth certificate of the inmate, if
17 obtainable;

18 4. A Social Security card or a replacement Social Security card
19 of the inmate, if obtainable;

20 5. A resume that includes any trade learned by the inmate and
21 the proficiency at that trade by the inmate; and

22 6. Documentation that the inmate has completed a practice job
23 interview.

1 In addition, the Department shall notify the inmate if he or she
2 is eligible to apply for a license from a state entity charged with
3 oversight of an occupational license or certification.

4 D. The following categories of inmates are not required to
5 complete resumes or practice job interviews prior to their release
6 from incarceration:

7 1. Inmates sixty-five (65) years of age or older;

8 2. Inmates releasing to medical parole or discharging from a
9 prison infirmary setting;

10 3. Inmates releasing from a Department of Corrections Mental
11 Health Unit;

12 4. Inmates releasing to the custody of another jurisdiction on
13 a warrant or detainer;

14 5. Inmates returning to community supervision from an
15 intermediate revocation facility; and

16 6. Inmates that the Department determines would be physically
17 or mentally unable to return to the workforce upon release from
18 incarceration.

19 E. The Department of Corrections is authorized to promulgate
20 rules and procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

22 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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