

HOUSE BILL 1397

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, relative to photo identification licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(6)(B) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(B) Any person with a disability unable to obtain a regular operator's license may be issued a photo identification license. For the purpose of this subdivision (a)(6)(B), a "person with a disability" means an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one (1) or more life activities. The disability shall be verified by letter from a physician licensed to practice in this state, and the person shall furnish satisfactory proof of the person's identity by any document substantiating the person's identity to the commissioner. Upon submission of an application and satisfactory verification of a disability and proof of identity, the department shall issue, without charge, a permanent Tennessee photo identification license having printed prominently thereon the following statement: "FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY, NOT VALID FOR VEHICULAR OPERATION"; and

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.