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By Representatives Harris and Shavers

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing department of licensing fees for
2 Washington residents who have served in the military; amending RCW
3 46.20.202 and 41.04.007.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.202 and 2022 c 182 s 205 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department may enter into a memorandum of understanding
8 with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing
9 of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian
10 province of British Columbia.

11 (2) The department may enter into an agreement with the Canadian
12 province of British Columbia for the purposes of implementing a
13 border-crossing initiative.

14 (3)(a) The department may issue an enhanced driver's license or
15 identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state
16 of Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an
17 applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States
18 citizenship, identity, and state residency. The department shall
19 continue to offer a standard driver's license and identicard. If the
20 department chooses to issue an enhanced driver's license, the
21 department must allow each applicant to choose between a standard

1 driver's license or identicard, or an enhanced driver's license or
2 identicard.

3 (b) The department shall implement a one-to-many biometric
4 matching system for the enhanced driver's license or identicard. An
5 applicant for an enhanced driver's license or identicard shall submit
6 a biometric identifier as designated by the department. The biometric
7 identifier must be used solely for the purpose of verifying the
8 identity of the holders and for any purpose set out in RCW 46.20.037.
9 Applicants are required to sign a declaration acknowledging their
10 understanding of the one-to-many biometric match.

11 (c) The enhanced driver's license or identicard must include
12 reasonable security measures to protect the privacy of Washington
13 state residents, including reasonable safeguards to protect against
14 unauthorized disclosure of data about Washington state residents. If
15 the enhanced driver's license or identicard includes a radio
16 frequency identification chip, or similar technology, the department
17 shall ensure that the technology is encrypted or otherwise secure
18 from unauthorized data access.

19 (d) The requirements of this subsection are in addition to the
20 requirements otherwise imposed on applicants for a driver's license
21 or identicard. The department shall adopt such rules as necessary to
22 meet the requirements of this subsection. From time to time the
23 department shall review technological innovations related to the
24 security of identity cards and amend the rules related to enhanced
25 driver's licenses and identicards as the director deems consistent
26 with this section and appropriate to protect the privacy of
27 Washington state residents.

28 (e) Notwithstanding RCW 46.20.118, the department may make images
29 associated with enhanced drivers' licenses or identicards from the
30 negative file available to United States customs and border agents
31 for the purposes of verifying identity.

32 (4) (~~Beginning October 1, 2022~~) (a) Except as provided for in
33 (b) of this subsection, the fee for an enhanced driver's license or
34 enhanced identicard is \$56, which is in addition to the fees for any
35 regular driver's license or identicard. If the enhanced driver's
36 license or enhanced identicard is issued, renewed, or extended for a
37 period other than eight years, the fee for each class is \$7 for each
38 year that the enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard is
39 issued, renewed, or extended.

1 (b) An enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard issued,
2 renewed, or extended by a service member as defined in RCW 46.20.027
3 or a veteran as defined in RCW 41.04.007 are only to be charged the
4 fee amount for a regular driver's license or identicard, or renewal,
5 or extension.

6 (5) (a) The first \$4 per year of issuance, to a maximum of \$32 of
7 the enhanced driver's license and enhanced identicard fee under this
8 section must be deposited into the highway safety fund unless prior
9 to July 1, 2023, the actions described in (a) (i) or (ii) of this
10 subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is
11 the result of the fee increased in section 209, chapter 44, Laws of
12 2015 3rd sp. sess. must be distributed to the connecting Washington
13 account created under RCW 46.68.395.

14 (i) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
15 34.05 RCW, absent explicit legislative authorization enacted
16 subsequent to July 1, 2015, for a rule regarding a fuel standard
17 based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a
18 low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

19 (ii) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
20 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
21 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
22 standard, without explicit legislative authorization enacted
23 subsequent to July 1, 2015.

24 (iii) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
25 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
26 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel
27 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
28 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

29 (b) \$24 of the enhanced driver's license and enhanced identicard
30 fee under this section must be deposited into the move ahead WA
31 flexible account created in RCW 46.68.520. If the enhanced driver's
32 license or enhanced identicard is issued, renewed, or extended for a
33 period other than eight years, the amount deposited into the move
34 ahead WA flexible account created in RCW 46.68.520 is \$3 for each
35 year that the enhanced driver's license or enhanced identicard is
36 issued, renewed, or extended.

37 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2017 c 97 s 1 are each amended to read
38 as follows:

1 "Veteran" includes every person who, at the time he or she seeks
2 the benefits of RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 46.20.202, 72.36.030,
3 41.04.010, 73.04.090, or 43.180.250, has received an honorable
4 discharge, received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable
5 record, where applicable, or is in receipt of a United States
6 department of defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or
7 their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes
8 his or her service as honorable, and who has served in at least one
9 of the following capacities:

10 (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United
11 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and
12 has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

13 (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

14 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or
15 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a
16 presidential select reserve call up for at least (~~one hundred~~
17 ~~eighty~~) 180 cumulative days;

18 (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army
19 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in
20 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

21 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the
22 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,
23 1945; or

24 (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service
25 aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or
26 its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean
27 territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in
28 Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

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