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1 AN ACT Relating to homeless identification; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department must issue a temporary homeless identification
7 card, containing a picture, fingerprint, current address, and signature
8 of the applicant, if the applicant:

9 (a) Does not have a valid Washington driver's license or
10 identicard; and

11 (b) Proves his or her identity and homeless status as provided in
12 this section.

13 (2) The temporary homeless identification card must be distinctly
14 designed so that it will not be confused with an official Washington
15 driver's license or identicard. The card expires one year after it is
16 issued, except that the department may renew it for an additional six
17 months upon a showing of the applicant's continued homeless status.

18 (3) As proof of identity, the applicant must:

1 (a) Meet the requirements under RCW 46.20.035, or provide the
2 following:

3 (i) A birth certificate;
4 (ii) A social security number; and
5 (iii) A fingerprint; and

6 (b) Verify his or her status as a homeless person, as defined in
7 RCW 43.185C.010, including:

8 (i) A certification of temporary homeless status issued by the
9 department of commerce; or

10 (ii) A written declaration by a temporary housing or homeless
11 service provider in the state, affirming:

12 (A) The applicant's current homeless status;
13 (B) The name and a brief physical description of the applicant; and
14 (C) The provider's physical and mailing address to be used as the
15 applicant's own address.

16 (4) A person unable to provide a birth certificate or social
17 security number as specified in subsection (3) of this section may
18 request that the department review other available documentation in
19 order to ascertain identity. The department may waive the birth
20 certificate and social security number requirements if it finds that
21 other documentation clearly establishes the identity of the applicant.

22 (5) The department may cancel a temporary homeless identification
23 card if:

24 (a) The card is used in violation of RCW 46.20.0921; or
25 (b) The department determines that the holder is no longer
26 homeless.

27 (6) If a temporary housing or homeless service provider determines
28 that the holder is no longer homeless, it must notify the department
29 and the department may cancel the temporary homeless identification
30 card.

31 (7) The department may not charge any fee to the applicant for
32 issuing a temporary homeless identification card. The department may
33 adopt any rules as are necessary to carry out this subsection.

34 (8) A temporary homeless identification card is only valid as
35 documentation for employment purposes and is not intended to be a valid
36 state identification card for any other purpose or subject to

1 compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005, P.L. 109-13.

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