

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1028

5 By: Representative Minton  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-16-801 TO PERMIT  
10 PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE USED FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES;  
11 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
12 ADMINISTRATION TO POST THAT PLACING A THUMBPRINT ON  
13 THE DRIVER'S LICENSE IS OPTIONAL; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

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18 THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
19 ADMINISTRATION TO POST THAT PLACING A  
20 THUMBPRINT ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE IS  
21 OPTIONAL.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(b) is amended to read as follows:

28 (b)(1)(A) All licenses, as described in subsection (a) of this section,  
29 shall include a color photograph of the licensee, and such photograph shall be  
30 made a part of the license at the time of application. If the licensee is  
31 under eighteen years of age at the time the license is issued, the license  
32 shall state that the licensee was under eighteen years of age at the time of  
33 issuance. If the licensee was at least eighteen years of age but under twenty-  
34 one years of age at the time the license is issued, the license shall state  
35 that the licensee was under twenty-one years of age at the time the license  
36 was issued.

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(B) ~~Repeated.~~ The licensee shall be informed that a copy of the photograph used on the license shall be retained by the Office of Driver Services in its files, unless the licensee requests that the office, at the time of application or renewal, not retain the photograph.

(2) A license may be valid without a photograph of the licensee when the commissioner is advised that the requirement of the photograph is either objectionable on the grounds of religious belief or the licensee is unavailable to have the photograph made.

/s/ Minton