

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

SENATE BILL 964

By: Senator Steele

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO HAS AN ILLNESS THAT CAUSES HAIR LOSS OR IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR AN ILLNESS THAT CAUSES HAIR LOSS TO USE A PRIOR DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO HAS AN ILLNESS THAT CAUSES HAIR LOSS OR IS UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR AN ILLNESS THAT CAUSES HAIR LOSS TO USE A PRIOR DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH UNDER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(b), regarding driver's licenses and their contents, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) All licenses, as described in subsection (a) of this section, shall include a color photograph of the licensee, and ~~such~~ the photograph shall be made a part of the license at the time of application.

(B)(i) If the licensee is under eighteen (18) years of age at the time the license is issued, the license shall state that the licensee was under eighteen (18) years of age at the time of issuance.

(ii) If the licensee was at least eighteen (18) years of age but under twenty-one (21) years of age at the time the license is issued, the license shall state that the licensee was under twenty-one



1 (21) years of age at the time the license was issued.

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

6 (3)(A) If a licensee has an illness that causes hair loss or is
7 undergoing treatment for an illness that causes hair loss, the Office of
8 Driver Services shall give the licensee the option to use the photograph from
9 the most recent driver's license on file with the office instead of having a
10 new photograph taken if the licensee establishes that his or her hair loss is
11 related to that illness or treatment.

12 (B) To establish the relationship between the licensee's
13 illness or treatment and the resulting hair loss, the licensee shall provide
14 a statement from his or her treating physician.

15 (C) This option can only be provided for one (1) renewal
16 of the license to prevent obsolete photographs from being used.

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