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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 964

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH AN ILLNESS TO WEAR  
A HAT OR OTHER COVERING ON HIS OR HER HEAD FOR A  
DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH AN ILLNESS TO  
WEAR A HAT OR OTHER COVERING ON HIS OR  
HER HEAD FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE  
PHOTOGRAPH.

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

(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.

(3) A licensee may wear a hat or other covering on his or her head for the license photograph if:

(A) The need to wear a hat or covering for the head is related to an illness; and

(B) The hat or covering for the head does not obscure the licensee's eyes, nose, mouth, cheeks, and chin.