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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVER'S LICENSES; CONCERNING THE
9 ABILITY OF A PERSON WITH A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE
10 TO DRIVE TO AND FROM WORK; CONCERNING A HARDSHIP
11 LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 THE ABILITY OF A PERSON WITH A SUSPENDED
17 DRIVER'S LICENSE TO DRIVE TO AND FROM
18 WORK; AND CONCERNING A HARDSHIP LICENSE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801, concerning the issuance of a*
24 *driver's license, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as*
25 *follows:*

26 *(i)(1) As used in this subsection, "eligible inmate" means a person*
27 *who:*

28 *(A) Is within sixty (60) days of release from confinement*
29 *from a county jail or regional correctional facility not operated by the*
30 *Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction;*

31 *(B) Has been confined in a county jail or a regional*
32 *correctional facility not operated by the Department of Correction or the*
33 *Department of Community Correction for more than fifteen (15) days; and*

34 *(C) Is not in the custody of the Department of Correction*
35 *or the Department of Community Correction.*

36 *(2) The office shall issue an identification card to an eligible*



1 inmate who has previously been issued an:

2 (A) Arkansas identification card; or

3 (B) Arkansas driver's license but the driving privileges
4 of the eligible inmate are suspended or revoked.

5 (3) The county sheriff or the administrator of a regional
6 correctional facility not operated by the Department of Correction or the
7 Department of Community Correction shall identify eligible inmates to apply
8 for an identification card.

9 (4) Any fees for a replacement identification card under § 27-
10 16-805 shall be waived for an eligible inmate.

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-1105(a)(3)(A), concerning minimum
13 issuance standards for a driver's license, is amended to read as follows:

14 (3)(A)(i) The office may establish by rule a written and defined
15 exceptions process for a person who is unable to present all the necessary
16 documents for a driver's license or identification card and who must rely
17 upon alternate documents.

18 (ii) The office shall accept alternate documents
19 only to establish identity or date of birth of the person.

20 (iii)(a) An eligible inmate as defined under § 27-
21 27-16-801(h)(1) or § 27-16-801(i)(1) may satisfy the identity document
22 requirement under this section by submitting a sentencing order to the Office
23 of Driver Services before his or her release from incarceration.

24 (b) The exception to the identity document
25 requirement under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(iii)(a) of this section shall not be
26 applicable to a first-time issuance of a driver's license or identification
27 card nor may it be used to waive any documentation requirements for non-
28 United States citizens.

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