

SENATE BILL No. 74

By Senator Billinger

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Proposed Balloon Amendment  
Senate Committee on Transportation  
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1 AN ACT concerning people with certain disabilities; relating to vehicle  
2 registration, information included therein; state-issued identification  
3 cards, information included therein; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-  
4 243 and 8-1324 and repealing the existing sections.  
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6 WHEREAS, The provisions of section 1 and the provisions of K.S.A.  
7 2016 Supp. 8-243(f) and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1324(n), as amended by this  
8 act, shall be known and may be cited as Joey's Law.

9 Now, therefore:

10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 New Section 1. (a) Any Kansas resident who submits satisfactory  
12 proof to the director of vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that  
13 such person needs assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to,  
14 persons with autism spectrum disorder, or is responsible for the  
15 transportation of such a person, may request that such information be  
16 included as part of the vehicle registration. The director shall design a  
17 decal to be affixed to the license plate of any applicant who meets the  
18 requirements of this section.

19 (b) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition  
20 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts  
21 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.  
22 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a  
23 ~~Christian science practitioner listed in the Christian science journal~~  
24 certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall  
27 issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the  
28 driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the  
29 class or classes of motor vehicles which the licensee is entitled to drive, a  
30 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, date of  
31 birth, gender, address of principal residence and a brief description of the  
32 licensee, either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser  
33 engraved photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the signature of the  
34 licensee and the statement provided for in subsection (b). No driver's  
35 license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee. All drivers'  
36 licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 years shall be readily

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1 request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to  
 2 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall  
 3 be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are  
 4 deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older. Upon satisfaction of  
 5 subsection (a), the division shall issue a receipt of application permitting  
 6 the operation of a vehicle consistent with the requested class, if there are  
 7 no other restrictions or limitations, pending the division's verification of  
 8 the information and production of a driver's license.

9 (d) A driver's license issued to a person required to be registered  
 10 under K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be assigned a  
 11 distinguishing number by the division which will readily indicate to law  
 12 enforcement officers that such person is a registered offender. The division  
 13 shall develop a numbering system to implement the provisions of this  
 14 subsection.

15 (e) (1) Any person who is a veteran may request that the division  
 16 issue to such person a driver's license which shall include the designation  
 17 "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the driver's license at a location to  
 18 be determined by the secretary of revenue. In order to receive a license  
 19 described in this subsection, the veteran must provide proof of the  
 20 veteran's military service and honorable discharge or general discharge  
 21 under honorable conditions, including a copy of the veteran's DD214 form  
 22 or equivalent.

23 (2) As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who:

24 (A) Has served in: The army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast  
 25 guard, air or army national guard or any branch of the military reserves of  
 26 the United States; and

27 (B) has been separated from the branch of service in which the person  
 28 was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable  
 29 conditions.

30 (3) The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations  
 31 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

32 (f) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of  
 33 vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs  
 34 assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with  
 35 autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such  
 36 person a driver's license, which shall note such impairment on the driver's  
 37 license at a location to be determined by the secretary of revenue.

38 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition  
 39 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing  
 40 arts in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under  
 41 K.S.A. 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or  
 42 a ~~Christian-science-practitioner listed in the Christian-science-journal~~  
 43 certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

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1 issue to such person a nondriver identification card which shall include the  
 2 designation "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the nondriver  
 3 identification card at a location to be determined by the secretary of  
 4 revenue. In order to receive a nondriver identification card described in  
 5 this subsection, the veteran must provide proof of the veteran's military  
 6 service and honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable  
 7 conditions, including a copy of the veteran's DD214 form or equivalent.

8 (2) As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who:

9 (A) Has served in: The army, navy, marine corps, air force, coast  
 10 guard, air or army national guard or any branch of the military reserves of  
 11 the United States; and

12 (B) has been separated from the branch of service in which the person  
 13 was honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable  
 14 conditions.

15 (3) The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations  
 16 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

17 (l) The director of vehicles may issue a temporary identification card  
 18 to an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as defined  
 19 by subsection (c), if the applicant provides compelling evidence proving  
 20 current lawful presence. Any temporary identification card issued pursuant  
 21 to this subparagraph shall be valid for one year.

22 (m) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to  
 23 every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act an identification  
 24 card. Such identification card shall bear a distinguishing number assigned  
 25 to the cardholder, the full legal name, date of birth, address of principal  
 26 residence, a brief description of the cardholder, either: (1) A digital color  
 27 image or photograph; or (2) a laser engraved photograph of the cardholder,  
 28 and a facsimile of the signature of the cardholder. An identification card  
 29 which does not contain the address of principal residence of the cardholder  
 30 as required may be issued to persons who are program participants  
 31 pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-455, and amendments thereto.

32 (n) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of  
 33 vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs  
 34 assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with  
 35 autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such  
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