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To amend sections 4507.01, 4507.50, 4507.51, and  
4507.52 and to enact section 2301.551 of the  
Revised Code to require that community-based  
correctional facilities and programs assist  
inmates in obtaining state identification cards  
prior to release.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 4507.01, 4507.50, 4507.51, and  
4507.52 be amended and section 2301.551 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 2301.551.** (A) Within a reasonable time prior to a  
prisoner who is serving a sentence within a community-based  
correctional facility and program or a district community-based  
correctional facility and program successfully completing the  
programming at that facility, the facility shall attempt to  
verify the prisoner's age and identity in order to satisfy the  
requirements of section 4507.51 of the Revised Code.

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(B) The facility shall provide each prisoner who does not  
have a current valid and unexpired state issued identification  
card or driver's license with the application described in  
section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. The facility shall submit

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any completed application, along with a color photograph of the 21  
prisoner and documentary evidence of the prisoner's age and 22  
identity, to the registrar of motor vehicles in accordance with 23  
the process established by the registrar under sections 4507.50 24  
and 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 25

**Sec. 4507.01.** (A) As used in this chapter, "motor 26  
vehicle," "motorized bicycle," "state," "owner," "operator," 27  
"chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as in section 28  
4501.01 of the Revised Code. 29

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 30  
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 31  
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 32  
license," "restricted license," "limited term license," and any 33  
operator's or chauffeur's license issued before January 1, 1990. 34

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any 35  
person between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a 36  
motor vehicle. 37

"Restricted license" means the license issued to any 38  
person to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or 39  
restrictions imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 40

"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to 41  
a person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a 42  
commercial motor vehicle. 43

"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in 44  
section 4506.01 of the Revised Code. 45

"Motorcycle operator's temporary instruction permit, 46  
license, or endorsement" includes a temporary instruction 47  
permit, license, or endorsement for a motor-driven cycle or 48  
motor scooter unless otherwise specified. 49

"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under 50  
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 51  
motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle 52  
license." 53

"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license 54  
issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person 55  
between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized 56  
bicycle. 57

"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 58  
4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code. 59

"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with 60  
standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides 61  
in this state on a permanent basis. 62

"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance 63  
with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, 64  
resides in this state on a temporary basis. 65

"Community-based correctional facility and program" and 66  
"district community-based correctional facility and program" 67  
mean the facilities and programs created and organized in 68  
accordance with sections 2301.51 to 2301.58 of the Revised Code. 69

(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 70  
4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority 71  
as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the 72  
Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor 73  
vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of 74  
the registrar. 75

To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint 76  
such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary. 77

The registrar also shall provide at each place where an 78  
application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or 79  
identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take 80  
a photograph of the applicant for such license or card as 81  
required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, 82  
and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 83  
of the Revised Code. 84

The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars 85  
to any driver's license examining station operated under the 86  
supervision of the director of public safety, whenever the 87  
registrar considers such assignment possible. Space shall be 88  
provided in the driver's license examining station for any such 89  
deputy registrar so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not 90  
exercise the powers conferred by such sections upon the 91  
registrar, unless they are specifically authorized to exercise 92  
such powers by such sections. 93

(C) No agent for any insurance company, writing automobile 94  
insurance, shall be appointed deputy registrar, and any such 95  
appointment is void. No deputy registrar shall in any manner 96  
solicit any form of automobile insurance, nor in any manner 97  
advise, suggest, or influence any licensee or applicant for 98  
license for or against any kind or type of automobile insurance, 99  
insurance company, or agent, nor have the deputy registrar's 100  
office directly connected with the office of any automobile 101  
insurance agent, nor impart any information furnished by any 102  
applicant for a license or identification card to any person, 103  
except the registrar. This division shall not apply to any 104  
nonprofit corporation appointed deputy registrar. 105

(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy 106  
registrar who violates the requirements of this chapter. 107

**Sec. 4507.50.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles or a 108  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 109  
when all of the following apply: 110

(a) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 111  
application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 112  
Revised Code and, if the person is under seventeen years of age, 113  
payment of the applicable fees. 114

(b) The person is a resident or a temporary resident of 115  
this state. 116

(c) The person is not licensed as an operator of a motor 117  
vehicle in this state or another licensing jurisdiction. 118

(d) The person does not hold an identification card from 119  
another jurisdiction. 120

(2) (a) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 121  
registrar may issue a temporary identification card when all of 122  
the following apply: 123

(i) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 124  
application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 125  
Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees. 126

(ii) The person is a resident or temporary resident of 127  
this state. 128

(iii) The person's Ohio driver's or commercial driver's 129  
license has been suspended or canceled. 130

(iv) The person does not hold an identification card from 131  
another jurisdiction. 132

(b) The temporary identification card shall be identical 133  
to an identification card, except that it shall be printed on 134

its face with a statement that the card is valid for a temporary 135  
period. The temporary period shall be in accordance with the 136  
expiration dates specified in section 4507.501 of the Revised 137  
Code. 138

(c) The cardholder shall surrender the temporary 139  
identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar 140  
before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license 141  
is restored or reissued. 142

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, 143  
an applicant who is under seventeen years of age shall pay the 144  
following fees prior to issuance of an identification card or a 145  
temporary identification card: 146

(a) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents if the card 147  
will expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the 148  
date of issuance or a fee of six dollars if the card will expire 149  
on the applicant's birthday eight years after the date of 150  
issuance; 151

(b) A fee equal to the amount established under section 152  
4503.038 of the Revised Code if the card will expire on the 153  
applicant's birthday four years after the date of issuance or 154  
twice that amount if the card will expire on the applicant's 155  
birthday eight years after the date of issuance; 156

(c) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents if the card will 157  
expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the date of 158  
issuance or three dollars if the card will expire on the 159  
applicant's birthday eight years after the date of issuance, for 160  
the authentication of the documents required for processing an 161  
identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 162  
registrar that authenticates the required documents shall retain 163

the entire amount of the fee. 164

(2) The fees collected for issuing an identification card 165  
under this section, except for any fees allowed to the deputy 166  
registrar, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit 167  
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 168  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 169

(C) A person seventeen years of age or older may apply to 170  
the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that 171  
person of an identification card or a temporary identification 172  
card under this section without payment of any fee prescribed in 173  
division (B) of this section. 174

(D) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled 175  
and who is under seventeen years of age may apply to the 176  
registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an 177  
identification card under this section without payment of any 178  
fee as prescribed in division (B) of this section. A resident 179  
who is in the custody of the department of rehabilitation and 180  
correction~~or~~, the department of youth services, a community- 181  
based correctional facility and program, or a district 182  
community-based correctional facility and program and who is 183  
under seventeen years of age may apply to the registrar for the 184  
issuance of an identification card under this section without 185  
payment of any fee as prescribed in division (B) of this 186  
section. 187

As used in this section, "permanently or irreversibly 188  
disabled" means a condition of disability from which there is no 189  
present indication of recovery. 190

An application made under division (D) of this section 191  
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence as the 192

registrar may require by rule. 193

(E) (1) The department of rehabilitation and correction 194  
shall submit an application for an identification card or 195  
temporary identification card, as applicable, to the registrar 196  
on behalf of an individual who is a prisoner at a state 197  
correctional institution and who has completed that application 198  
in accordance with section 5120.59 of the Revised Code. 199

(2) The department of youth services shall submit an 200  
application for an identification card or a temporary 201  
identification card, as applicable, to the registrar on behalf 202  
of an individual who is in the custody of the department at a 203  
juvenile correctional facility and who has completed that 204  
application in accordance with section 5139.511 of the Revised 205  
Code. 206

(3) A community-based correctional facility and program or 207  
a district community-based correctional facility and program 208  
shall submit an application for an identification card or a 209  
temporary identification card, as applicable, to the registrar 210  
on behalf of an individual who is in the custody of the facility 211  
and who has completed that application in accordance with 212  
section 2301.551 of the Revised Code. 213

(4) The registrar may establish a separate application and 214  
process by which the departments shall submit any applications 215  
to the registrar in accordance with this division and section 216  
4507.51 of the Revised Code. 217

**Sec. 4507.51.** (A) (1) Every application for an 218  
identification card or duplicate shall be made on an approved 219  
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be 220  
signed by the applicant. The application also shall be signed by 221



the applicant's parent or guardian, or by the department of 222  
rehabilitation and correction~~or~~, the department of youth 223  
services, a community-based correctional facility and program, 224  
or a district community-based correctional facility and program, 225  
as applicable, if the applicant is under eighteen years of age. 226

Every application shall contain the following information: 227

(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, sex, general 228  
description including the applicant's height, weight, hair 229  
color, and eye color, address, country of citizenship, and 230  
social security number. 231

(b) If an applicant has not already certified the 232  
applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 233  
2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to 234  
certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift and 235  
information about the requirements of sections 2108.01 to 236  
2108.29 of the Revised Code that apply to persons who are less 237  
than eighteen years of age. The statement regarding willingness 238  
to make such a donation shall be given no consideration in the 239  
decision of whether to issue an identification card. 240

(c) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable 241  
power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 242  
to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration 243  
governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or 244  
withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 245  
2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has 246  
executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes 247  
the identification card issued to indicate that the applicant 248  
has executed the instrument. 249

(d) Whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or 250

reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the 251  
applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the 252  
identification card issued to indicate that the applicant is a 253  
veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the 254  
United States by a military designation on the identification 255  
card. 256

(2) Each applicant applying in person at a deputy 257  
registrar office shall be photographed at the time of making an 258  
application. 259

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance with 260  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an 261  
elector any person who applies for an identification card or 262  
duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be 263  
registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether 264  
to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the 265  
decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification 266  
card or duplicate. 267

(4) The application shall be accompanied by any necessary 268  
documents, as required by the registrar. The registrar or the 269  
deputy registrar may authenticate the submitted documents and 270  
verify the information in the application. 271

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 272  
section or section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the application 273  
for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the 274  
office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant 275  
shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar 276  
of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall 277  
swear that all information given is true. 278

All applications for an identification card or duplicate 279

under this section shall be filed in duplicate, and if submitted 280  
to a deputy registrar, a copy shall be forwarded to the 281  
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe rules for the manner in 282  
which a deputy registrar is to file and maintain applications 283  
and other records. The registrar shall maintain a suitable, 284  
indexed record of all applications denied and cards issued or 285  
canceled. 286

(2) The application for an identification card filed by 287  
either the department of rehabilitation and correction~~or~~, the 288  
department of youth services, a community-based correctional 289  
facility and program, or a district community-based correctional 290  
facility and program on behalf of an individual in prison or in 291  
the department's or facility's custody shall be submitted 292  
through the process established by the registrar. The registrar 293  
shall establish the process for submission of such applications 294  
and the process for mailing the identification card to either 295  
the individual or the applicable department or facility. 296

(C) In addition to any other information it contains, the 297  
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an 298  
application for an identification card or duplicate shall inform 299  
applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the 300  
applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify 301  
to have the card or duplicate indicate that the applicant is an 302  
honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United 303  
States based on a request made pursuant to division (A) (2) (b) of 304  
this section. 305

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 306  
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 307  
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 308  
shall display the following inscription: 309

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 310

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 311  
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 312  
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 313

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 314  
the same information as contained in the application and as 315  
described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 316  
Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of the United 317  
States, a notation designating that the cardholder is a 318  
noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the 319  
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder 320  
specifically requests that the cardholder's social security 321  
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the 322  
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the 323  
identification card, the social security number shall be 324  
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 325

(3) The identification card also shall display the 326  
photograph of the cardholder. 327

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 328  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 329  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 330  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 331  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 332  
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 333  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 334  
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 335

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 336  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 337  
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 338

the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 339  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 340  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 341  
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 342  
forces of the United States. 343

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 344  
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 345

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 346  
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 347  
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 348  
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 349  
card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 350  
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 351  
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 352  
is twenty-one years of age or older. 353

(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this 354  
state shall display the expiration date of the card, in 355  
accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 356

(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary 357  
resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the 358  
Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited 359  
term. Every limited term identification card and limited term 360  
temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited 361  
term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed 362  
by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card 363  
issued to a resident. 364

(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the 365  
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by 366  
doing both of the following: 367

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar;

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the cardholder's identification card through electronic means in accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code.

(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a deputy registrar.

(4) Except as provided in division (B) (5) or (6) of this section, when a cardholder applies for a duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay the following fees:

(a) Two dollars and fifty cents;

(b) A deputy registrar or service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code.

(5) The following cardholders may apply for a duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section:

(a) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration;

(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled;

(c) A resident who is in the custody of the department of

rehabilitation and correction~~or~~, the department of youth 395  
services, a community-based correctional facility and program, 396  
or a district community-based correctional facility and program. 397

(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older 398  
may apply for a replacement identification card without payment 399  
of any fee prescribed in division (B)(4) of this section. 400

(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 401  
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 402

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 403  
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 404  
altered. 405

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 406  
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 407  
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 408  
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 409  
operated or franchised transit system from using an 410  
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 411  
services of the system. 412

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 413  
possess an identification card. 414

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 415  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 416  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 417  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 418  
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 419  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 420  
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 421  
one years of age or older. 422

(F) The registrar shall ensure that identification cards 423

issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 424  
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 425  
C.F.R. part 37. 426

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 427  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 428

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4507.01, 4507.50, 429  
4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 430