

ACT No. 625

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HOUSE BILL NO. 481

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:411(F)(1) and 412(D)(6) and to enact R.S. 32:411(F)(3), relative to the issuance and possession of drivers' licenses; to provide for the issuance of a digitized driver's license; to provide for a fee to install the application to display a digitized driver's license; to provide new requirements for the issuance of a driver's license that was renewed by mail or electronic commerce; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:411(F)(1) and 412(D)(6) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:411(F)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§411. Deposit of license in lieu of security upon arrest; receipt; licensee to have license or receipt in immediate possession; notification to vehicle owner; surrender of license; issuance of temporary permits

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1 F.(1) The licensee shall have his license, or a digitized driver's license as
 2 provided in this Section, in his immediate possession at all times when driving a
 3 motor vehicle and shall display it upon demand of any officer or agent of the
 4 department or any police officer of the state, parish, or municipality, except that
 5 where the licensee has previously deposited his license as provided in Subsection C
 6 of this Section, and has received a receipt, as provided in Subsection D of this
 7 Section, the licensee shall display the receipt upon demand of any officer or agent
 8 of the department or any police officer of the state, parish, or municipality, the same
 9 to serve as a substitute for the license until the license is returned to the licensee.
 10 However, when an officer or agent of the department or any police officer of the
 11 state, or any parish or municipality has reasonable grounds to believe a person has
 12 committed an offense of driving without a valid driver's license in his possession, the
 13 police officer shall make every practical attempt based on identifying information
 14 provided by the person to confirm that the person has been issued a valid driver's
 15 license. If the police officer determines that the person has been issued a valid
 16 driver's license ~~which~~ that is ~~neither~~ not under revocation, suspension, or
 17 cancellation, but that the license is not in his possession, the peace officer shall issue
 18 a written summons to the offender in accordance with law, commanding him to
 19 appear and answer the charge.

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21 (3)(a) For the purposes of this Subsection, a digitized driver's license shall
 22 mean a data file available on any mobile device which has connectivity to the
 23 internet through an application that allows the mobile device to download the data
 24 file from the department or an authorized representative of the department, contains
 25 all of the data elements visible on the face and back of the license, and also displays
 26 the current status of the license. For the purposes of this Subparagraph, "current
 27 status" shall include but is not limited to valid, expired, cancelled, suspended,
 28 disqualified, hardship, or interlock hardship status.

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(6) When a license is renewed by mail or electronic commerce, the secretary shall issue a new license which indicates the new expiration date ~~evidence of renewal~~ which shall be affixed to the ~~previously issued license to indicate the date the license~~ expires in the future.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____