

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires that a driver have his driver's license in his immediate possession at all times when driving a motor vehicle.

New law authorizes a licensee to have a digitized driver's license provided by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, as an alternative to a physical license.

New law defines digitized driver's license as a data file available on any mobile device which has connectivity to the internet through an application that allows the mobile device to download the data file from the department or an authorized representative of the department, that contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of the physical license, and that displays the current status of the license. Provides that a copy, photograph, or image of a driver's license not downloaded through the application on a mobile device is not a valid digitized driver's license.

New law prohibits issuance of a citation, in connection with a traffic stop or checkpoint, for driving a motor vehicle without a valid license if the person presents a digitized driver's license to a law enforcement officer in lieu of a physical driver's license.

New law clarifies that a person may be required to produce a physical driver's license in connection with requests for identification not associated with traffic stops or checkpoints and that failure to produce such identification when requested will subject such person to all the applicable laws and consequences for failure to produce a driver's license.

New law requires the department to establish rules necessary to implement a digitized driver's license.

New law specifies that display of a digitized driver's license does not serve as consent or authorization for a law enforcement officer, or any other person, to view, search, or access any other data or application on the mobile device and requires that a law enforcement officer promptly return the mobile device to the person once he has had an opportunity to verify the identity and license status.

New law provides for a fee to install the application to display a digitized driver's license, as provided in new law, not to exceed \$6.00.

Prior law required the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue evidence of renewal of Class "D" or "E" drivers' licenses, which was to be affixed to the previously issued license to indicate the date the license expires in the future, if the license was renewed by mail or electronic commerce.

New law requires the secretary to issue a new license if a license is renewed by mail or electronic commerce.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 32:411(F)(1) and 412(D)(6); Adds R.S. 32:411(F)(3))