
DIGEST

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HB 494 Reengrossed

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Willard

Abstract: Revises a portion of special identification card law to allow for access to identification cards for children fourteen through sixteen years of age when accompanied by an adult with whom they live or an adult who works for an agency that assists children under eighteen provided certain requirements are met.

Present law authorizes La. residents to obtain a special identification card from the office of motor vehicles and for the identifying information and documents to obtain the special identification card to be the same as those for obtaining a La. driver's license.

Present law specifies that applicants who are 17 years old do not need the signature of a custodial parent or guardian provided the applicant has the necessary identifying information and documents.

Proposed law retains present law but expands provision to include 14 to 16 year olds accompanied by a person over the age of 21 with whom they live or a person over the age of 21 who works for an agency that assists children under the age of 18 who can sign in lieu of a parent or guardian provided the applicant has the required identification and documents and is not requesting a REAL ID.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1321(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove children aged 14 through 16 from those who can obtain identification without the signature of a parent or guardian.
2. Allow 14 to 16 year olds to obtain a special identification card if they are accompanied by a person over the age of 21 with whom they live or a person over the age of 21 who works for an agency that assists children under the age of 18 who can sign in lieu of a parent or guardian provided the applicant has the required identification and documents and is not requesting a REAL ID.