

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Creates a state identification card designation for citizens with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1321(T) and to enact R.S. 40:1321(U) and (V), relative to
3 special identification card designations; to provide for the establishment of an
4 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias special identification card designation; to
5 provide for the criteria for obtaining an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
6 designation for new applicants and renewals; to provide for penalties for persons
7 making false statements to obtain an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias
8 special designation; to require the implementation of a law enforcement officer
9 training course; to provide for rulemaking; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 40:1321(T) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1321(U)
12 and (V) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §1321. State identification cards; special identification cards; issuance; veteran
14 designation; special needs or accommodation designations; Alzheimer's
15 disease and related dementias designations; fees; expiration and renewal;
16 exceptions; promulgation of rules; promotion of use; persons less than
17 twenty-one years of age; the Protect and Save our Children Program;
18 Selective Service Registration

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1 T.(1) Upon request of an applicant for a special identification card, a
2 designation that the applicant has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias shall be
3 exhibited on the special identification card upon presentation of a statement from a
4 qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other
5 state or territory of the United States verifying the applicant's disability as
6 established by administrative rule. The qualified medical or mental health
7 professional shall be authorized to diagnose Alzheimer's disease and related
8 dementias. No additional fee shall be charged to include this designation on the
9 special identification card.

10 (2) Upon renewal of a special identification card, an applicant who has
11 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias shall provide a statement from a qualified
12 medical or mental health professional licensed in Louisiana or any other state or
13 territory of the United States verifying the applicant's disability as established by
14 administrative rule.

15 (3) Any person who has not been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and
16 related dementias who willfully and falsely represents himself as having the
17 qualifications to obtain the special designation authorized by this Subsection shall
18 be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars,
19 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. Any subsequent offense shall
20 result in a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred
21 dollars, or imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or both.

22 (4) In addition to the training requirements contained in R.S. 40:2404.2(C),
23 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall
24 establish and implement a law enforcement training course relative to interactions
25 of law enforcement officers with persons who have Alzheimer's disease and related
26 dementias. The course shall instruct law enforcement officers on sensitivity and
27 awareness to ensure equitable treatment and how to effectively communicate and
28 interact with persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. At a
29 minimum, the course shall include the following:

1 (a) Identification of indicators that a person has Alzheimer's disease and
2 related dementias.

3 (b) Identification of procedures that an officer should employ when
4 encountering a person with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

5 (c) Demonstrations of communication and interactive techniques required
6 to effectively interact with a person with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

7 (d) Explanations that provide law enforcement officers with an
8 understanding of the developmental disability and examples of unexpected actions
9 that may potentially be taken by persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and
10 related dementias.

11 (e) Identification of the resources available to assist an officer encountering
12 a person with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

13 (f) Descriptions of the procedures an officer should use to ensure compliance
14 with the Americans with Disabilities Act when encountering a person with
15 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

16 (5) The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections,
17 public safety services, shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to
18 implement the provisions of this Subsection, including a waiver of liability for the
19 release of any medical information. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.
20 49:966(B)(12), the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and
21 public works shall have oversight of the adoption of rules and regulations required
22 by this Subsection.

23 U. No fee shall be charged for transactions to issue a duplicate special
24 identification card to correct an address due to the renaming of a street or highway
25 in accordance with a parish or municipal ordinance.

26 ~~U.~~ V. Every state identification card issued by OMV shall include the words
27 "Crisis Lifeline dial 988".

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias special identification card designation.

Proposed law establishes the application process for obtaining an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias designation on a special identification card for new applicants and renewals.

Proposed law requires an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias designation be displayed on a special identification card upon receipt of a statement from a qualified medical or mental health professional licensed in La. or any other state or territory of the U.S. verifying the applicant's disability as established by administrative rule. Further requires the qualified medical or mental health professional be authorized to diagnose Alzheimer's disease and related dementias designation.

Proposed law specifies that no additional fee can be charged to include the Alzheimer's disease and related dementias designation on the special identification card.

Proposed law specifies that any person who has not been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias who makes a false statement of having the qualification to obtain the special designation will be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$250, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. Further, requires any subsequent offense carry a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), public safety services, to establish and implement a law enforcement training course relative to law enforcement officers' interactions with persons who have Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, in addition to the requirements of present law.

Proposed law requires the course instruct law enforcement officers on sensitivity and awareness to ensure equitable treatment and how to effectively communicate and interact with persons who have Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Proposed law requires the course include identification of indicators that a person has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; identification of procedures that an officer should employ when encountering a person who has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; demonstrations of communication and interactive techniques required to effectively interact with a person who has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; explanations that provide law enforcement officers with an understanding of developmental disabilities and examples of unexpected actions potentially taken by persons diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; explanations of the resources available to assist an officer encountering a person who has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; and descriptions of the procedures an officer should use to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act when encountering a person who has Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Proposed law authorizes the deputy secretary of the DPS&C to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of proposed law, including a medical waiver. Provides rule oversight authority to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

(Amends R.S. 40:1321(T); Adds R.S. 40:1321(U) and (V))