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## 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))