
DIGEST

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HB 590 Engrossed

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Abstract: Establishes the "Green Envelope Program" and the "Blue Envelope Program" for improving traffic stop communication between law enforcement and those with mental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

Present law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to issue identification stickers or decals to symbolize awareness for certain disabilities, at no cost to the driver or parent or legal guardian.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, OMV, to create specially designed envelopes to be provided to drivers with mental, physical, developmental disabilities, or autism spectrum disorder, or their parents or legal guardians, that provide proof as required by present law. Specifies that the envelopes include guidelines to assist officers in recognizing and effectively communicating with drivers with disabilities during traffic stops.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, OMV, to create green envelopes to be provided to drivers with mental disabilities, their parents, or guardians.

Proposed law specifies that the green envelopes must have guidelines on the exterior to instruct law enforcement on how to approach and effectively communicate with drivers with mental disabilities.

Proposed law allows for these drivers to keep essential documents, such as driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, contact cards, and medical documents in the green envelopes.

Proposed law allows drivers with mental disabilities, their parents, or guardians the ability to obtain the green envelopes without providing medical documentation.

Proposed law requires the OMV to create blue envelopes to be provided to drivers with autism spectrum disorder, or their parents or guardians.

Proposed law specifies that the blue envelopes must have guidelines on the exterior to instruct law enforcement on how to approach and effectively communicate with drivers with autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law allows for these drivers to keep essential documents, such as driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, contact cards, and medical documents in the blue envelope.

Proposed law allows drivers with autism spectrum disorder, or their parents or guardians, the ability to obtain the blue envelopes without providing medical documentation.

Effective Jan. 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 32:403.2.1, 403.3(B)(2)(c), and 403.3.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add the requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, create specially designed envelopes to be provided to drivers with mental, physical, developmental disabilities, or autism spectrum disorder, or their parents or legal guardians, that provide proof of the disability as required by present law. Specifies that the envelopes include guidelines to assist officers in recognizing and effectively communicating with drivers with disabilities during traffic stops.