

SENATE BILL NO. 91

INTRODUCED BY T. MANZELLA

BY REQUEST OF THE LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO DISPLAY CITIZENSHIP STATUS; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-5-111 AND 61-12-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-5-111, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-5-111. Contents of driver's license, renewal, license expirations, license replacements, grace period, and fees for licenses, permits, and endorsements -- notice of expiration. (1) (a) The department may appoint county treasurers and other qualified officers to act as its agents for the sale of driver's license receipts. In areas in which the department provides driver licensing services 3 days or more a week, the department is responsible for sale of receipts and may appoint an agent to sell receipts.

(b) The department may enter into an authorized agent agreement with the county treasurer of any county in which the department no longer maintains a driver examination station for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of providing driver's license renewal services.

(2) (a) The department, ~~upon~~ on receipt of payment of the fees specified in this section, shall issue a driver's license to each qualifying applicant. The license must contain:

- (i) a full-face photograph of the licensee in the size and form prescribed by the department;
- (ii) a distinguishing number issued to the licensee;
- (iii) the full legal name, date of birth, and Montana residence address unless the licensee requests use of the mailing address, except that the Montana residence address must be used for a REAL ID-compliant driver's license unless authorized by department rule;
- (iv) a brief description of the licensee;
- (v) either the licensee's customary manual signature or a reproduction of the licensee's customary

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1 department at any time."

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3 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the legislature that the agency
4 implements the provisions of [this act] within existing resources for the design that displays citizenship status.

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6 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are
7 severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications,
8 the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Applicability.** [This act] applies to a driver's license or identification card
11 issued on or after January 1, 2026.

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