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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that some persons with
2 disabilities want to be able to indicate their disability on
3 their driver's license or civil identification card. Having a
4 driver's license or civil identification card that clearly
5 indicates a person's disability would allow the person access to
6 certain public services such as special transportation and
7 seating for persons with disabilities at public events, and
8 would also be helpful in communicating special needs to police
9 and other public safety personnel in the event of an emergency.

10 The purpose of this Act is to allow persons with
11 disabilities to include the international handicap symbol and
12 information about their disability on their driver's license or
13 civil identification card.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended as follows:

16 1. By adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately
17 designated and to read as follows:



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1 "§286-A Driver's license for persons with disabilities.
2 Upon application for a driver's license under this part, a
3 person with a disability may request that the disability be
4 identified on the person's driver's license. If the
5 documentation regarding the person's disability as required by
6 the examiner of drivers is received by the examiner of drivers,
7 the driver's license shall display the international handicap
8 symbol and information relating to the person's disability on a
9 location designated by the examiner of drivers."

10 2. By adding a new section to part XVI to be
11 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

12 "§286-B Identification card for persons with disabilities.

13 (a) Upon application for an identification card under this
14 part, a person with a disability may request that the disability
15 be identified on the person's identification card.

16 (b) If the documentation regarding the person's disability
17 as required by the examiner of drivers is received by the
18 examiner of drivers, the identification card for the person
19 shall include characteristics and content pursuant to section
20 286-305 and display the international handicap symbol on a
21 location designated by the examiner of drivers. On the reverse



1 side of the identification card shall be a space within which
2 the examiner of drivers shall enter information about the
3 person's disability.

4 (c) An identification card for persons with disabilities
5 shall be issued to a person with a temporary disability upon
6 presentation of a sworn affidavit of at least one medical doctor
7 attesting to the disability and estimating the duration of the
8 disability. The identification card shall be issued for periods
9 of six months, and a current affidavit of a medical doctor
10 attesting to the continuance of the disability shall be
11 presented at each request thereafter."

12 SECTION 3. Section 286-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding two new definitions to be appropriately
14 inserted and to read as follows:

15 "Disability" means any physical, mental, or neurological
16 impairment that severely restricts a person's mobility, manual
17 dexterity, or ability to climb stairs; substantial loss of sight
18 or hearing; loss of one or more limbs or use thereof; or
19 significantly diminished reasoning capacity.

20 "Person with disabilities" means any person with a
21 permanent or temporary disability."



1 SECTION 4. Section 286-305, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§286-305 Contents and characteristics; form. (a) Each
4 identification card issued by the examiner of drivers shall
5 display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and
6 shall display the following inscription:

7 "STATE OF HAWAII IDENTIFICATION CARD"

8 (b) The examiner of drivers, after obtaining the
9 fingerprint of the applicant as provided in this part and after
10 obtaining the information required by or pursuant to this part,
11 shall issue to each applicant an identification card in a form
12 and with identifying information that the director deems
13 necessary and appropriate, including a notation of veteran
14 status, if desired by the applicant, on the front of the card
15 where applicable; provided that such notation shall not include
16 any designation other than the term "veteran". As used in this
17 subsection, "veteran" means any person who served in any of the
18 uniformed services of the United States and was discharged under
19 conditions other than dishonorable.

20 (c) The identification card shall not display the
21 cardholder's social security number.



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1 (d) The identification card shall be designed to prevent
2 its reproduction or alteration without ready detection.

3 (e) The identification card for individuals under twenty-
4 one years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the
5 examiner distinguishing it from that issued to a individual who
6 is twenty-one years of age or older.

7 (f) Persons with disabilities may request the inclusion of
8 information about their disability on their identification card,
9 pursuant to section 286-B. The identification card shall
10 include the information about the disability on the back of the
11 identification card and display the international handicap
12 symbol on a location designated by the examiner of drivers."

13 SECTION 5. In codifying the new sections added by section
14 2 and referenced in section 4 of this Act, the revisor of
15 statutes shall substitute appropriate section numbers for the
16 letters used in designating the new sections in this Act.

17 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

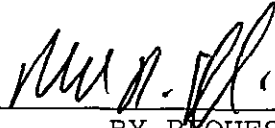


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1 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Description:

Authorizes the examiner of drivers to include information about a person's disability on the person's driver's license or civil identification card.

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