

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB2173

Introduced 9/9/2015, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

15 ILCS 335/5 625 ILCS 5/6-106 from Ch. 124, par. 25 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-106

Amends the Illinois Identification Card Act and the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall advise the Secretary of State as to what other forms of proof of a person's status as a veteran are acceptable. Allows the issuance of an identification card or a driver's license with a veteran designation to a member of the armed forces, including a member of any reserve component or National Guard unit, regardless of whether he or she served on active duty. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning the Secretary of State.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:
- 6 (15 ILCS 335/5) (from Ch. 124, par. 25)
- 7 Sec. 5. Applications.
- (a) Any natural person who is a resident of the State of 8 9 Illinois may file an application for an identification card, or for the renewal thereof, in a manner prescribed by the 10 Secretary. Each original application shall be completed by the 11 applicant in full and shall set forth the legal name, residence 12 13 address and zip code, social security number, birth date, sex 14 and a brief description of the applicant. The applicant shall be photographed, unless the Secretary of State has provided by 15 16 rule for the issuance of identification cards without 17 photographs and the applicant is deemed eligible for an identification card without a photograph under the terms and 18 19 conditions imposed by the Secretary of State, and he or she 20 shall also submit any other information as the Secretary may 21 deem necessary or such documentation as the Secretary may 22 require to determine the identity of the applicant. In addition to the residence address, the Secretary may allow the applicant 23

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to provide a mailing address. If the applicant is a judicial officer as defined in Section 1-10 of the Judicial Privacy Act or a peace officer, the applicant may elect to have his or her office or work address in lieu of the applicant's residence or mailing address. An applicant for an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card must also submit with each original or renewal application, on forms prescribed by the Secretary, such documentation as the Secretary may require, establishing that the applicant is a "person with a disability" as defined in Section 4A of this Act, and setting forth the applicant's type and class of disability as set forth in Section 4A of this Act. For the purposes of this subsection (a), "peace officer" means any person who by virtue of his or her office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for a violation of any penal statute of this State, whether that duty extends to all violations or is limited to specific violations.

(b) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, for each original or renewal identification card application under this Act, the Secretary shall inquire as to whether the applicant is a veteran for purposes of issuing an identification card with a veteran designation under subsection (c-5) of Section 4 of this Act. The acceptable forms of proof shall include, but are not limited to, Department of Defense form DD-214. The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall advise the Secretary as

- of a person's status as a veteran are acceptable.
- 2 The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall confirm
- 3 the status of the applicant as an honorably discharged veteran
- 4 before the Secretary may issue the identification card.
- 5 For purposes of this subsection (b):
- 6 "Active duty" means active duty under an executive order of
- 7 the President of the United States, an Act of the Congress of
- 8 the United States, or an order of the Governor.
- 9 "Armed forces" means any of the Armed Forces of the United
- 10 States, including a member of any reserve component or National
- 11 Guard unit <del>called to active duty</del>.
- "Veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in
- 13 the armed forces and was discharged or separated under
- 14 honorable conditions.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 97-371, eff. 1-1-12; 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-847,
- 16 eff. 1-1-13; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13; 98-323, eff. 1-1-14; 98-463,
- 17 eff. 8-16-13.)
- 18 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 19 changing Section 6-106 as follows:
- 20 (625 ILCS 5/6-106) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-106)
- Sec. 6-106. Application for license or instruction permit.
- 22 (a) Every application for any permit or license authorized
- 23 to be issued under this Code shall be made upon a form
- furnished by the Secretary of State. Every application shall be

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accompanied by the proper fee and payment of such fee shall entitle the applicant to not more than 3 attempts to pass the examination within a period of one year after the date of application.

(b) Every application shall state the legal name, social security number, zip code, date of birth, sex, and residence address of the applicant; briefly describe the applicant; state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as a driver, and, if so, when and by what state or country, and whether any such license has ever been cancelled, suspended, revoked or refused, and, if so, the date and reason for such cancellation, suspension, revocation or refusal; shall include an affirmation by the applicant that all information set forth is true and correct; and shall bear the applicant's signature. In addition to the residence address, the Secretary may allow the applicant to provide a mailing address. In the case of an applicant who is a judicial officer or peace officer, the Secretary may allow the applicant to provide an office or work address in lieu of a residence or mailing address. application form may also require the statement of such additional relevant information as the Secretary of State shall deem necessary to determine the applicant's competency and eligibility. The Secretary of State may, in his discretion, by rule or regulation, provide that an application for a drivers license or permit may include a suitable photograph of the applicant in the form prescribed by the Secretary, and he may

further provide that each drivers license shall include a photograph of the driver. The Secretary of State may utilize a photograph process or system most suitable to deter alteration or improper reproduction of a drivers license and to prevent substitution of another photo thereon. For the purposes of this subsection (b), "peace officer" means any person who by virtue of his or her office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for a violation of any penal statute of this State, whether that duty extends to all violations or is limited to specific violations.

- (c) The application form shall include a notice to the applicant of the registration obligations of sex offenders under the Sex Offender Registration Act. The notice shall be provided in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State. For purposes of this subsection (c), "sex offender" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registration Act.
- (d) Any male United States citizen or immigrant who applies for any permit or license authorized to be issued under this Code or for a renewal of any permit or license, and who is at least 18 years of age but less than 26 years of age, must be registered in compliance with the requirements of the federal Military Selective Service Act. The Secretary of State must forward in an electronic format the necessary personal information regarding the applicants identified in this subsection (d) to the Selective Service System. The applicant's

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signature on the application serves as an indication that the 1 2 applicant either has already registered with the Selective 3 Service System or that he is authorizing the Secretary to the Selective Service System the forward to necessarv 5 information for registration. The Secretary must notify the applicant at the time of application that his signature 6 7 constitutes consent to registration with the Selective Service 8 System, if he is not already registered.

(e) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, for each original or renewal driver's license application under this Code, the Secretary shall inquire as to whether the applicant is a veteran for purposes of issuing a driver's license with a veteran designation under subsection (e-5) of Section 6-110 of this Code. The acceptable forms of proof shall include, but are not limited to, Department of Defense form DD-214. The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall advise the Secretary as to Secretary shall determine by rule what other forms of proof of a person's status as a veteran are acceptable.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs shall confirm the status of the applicant as an honorably discharged veteran before the Secretary may issue the driver's license.

For purposes of this subsection (e):

"Active duty" means active duty under an executive order of the President of the United States, an Act of the Congress of the United States, or an order of the Governor.

"Armed forces" means any of the Armed Forces of the United

- 1 States, including a member of any reserve component or National
- 2 Guard unit <del>called to active duty</del>.
- 3 "Veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in
- 4 the armed forces and was discharged or separated under
- 5 honorable conditions.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 97-263, eff. 8-5-11; 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-847,
- 7 eff. 1-1-13; 98-323, eff. 1-1-14; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-756,
- 8 eff. 7-16-14.)
- 9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 10 becoming law.