

1 AN ACT relating to identity documents.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Identity document":*

7 *1. Means an operator's license or personal identification card issued*
8 *under KRS 186.4102, 186.412, 186.4121, 186.4122, or 186.4123; and*

9 *2. Does not include:*

10 *a. An instruction permit issued under KRS 186.450; or*

11 *b. A commercial driver's license issued under KRS Chapter 281A;*

12 *and*

13 *(b) "Third-party entity" means a business or nonprofit member association.*

14 *(2) The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in*
15 *accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish procedures by which third-party*
16 *entities may apply to the cabinet to serve as an application processor for identity*
17 *documents.*

18 *(3) A third-party entity that wishes to serve as an application processor for identity*
19 *documents under this section shall:*

20 *(a) Apply to the cabinet and receive cabinet approval;*

21 *(b) Agree to comply with all relevant administrative regulations and policies of*
22 *the cabinet;*

23 *(c) Pay the cost of any hardware required to facilitate the application process;*

24 *and*

25 *(d) Collect all required fees under KRS 186.531 and transmit them to the*
26 *cabinet in a timely fashion.*

27 *(4) In addition to the fees set forth in KRS 186.531, a third-party entity that processes*

1 applications for identity documents under this section may charge a fee for the
 2 service provided.

3 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
 4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall establish at least one (1) permanent, full-time,
 6 driver licensing regional office within each Kentucky senatorial district.

7 (2) For the purposes of this section, an office shall be considered to be within a
 8 senatorial district if it is located anywhere in a county which is part of the district,
 9 whether or not the office is located within the actual boundaries of the district.

10 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED
 11 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

12 (1) As used in this section, "state police" means the Department of Kentucky State
 13 Police.

14 (2) From September 1, 2024, until June 30, 2026, the state police shall operate a pilot
 15 program to provide operator's license skills testing in five (5) counties in which
 16 the state police does not provide permanent, full-time, driver licensing testing.

17 (3) In administering the pilot project under this section, the state police shall:

18 (a) Identify the counties participating in the pilot project based on both public
 19 demand and available state police resources;

20 (b) Provide testing in each county at least two (2) times each month;

21 (c) Accept applications for testing slots through the state police's online
 22 application portal;

23 (d) Limit testing only to residents of the pilot project county where the test will
 24 be administered;

25 (e) Limit testing only to applicants for an intermediate license under KRS
 26 186.452; and

27 (f) Evaluate service levels, unsubscribed appointments, and no-shows during

1 the term of the pilot project and, if necessary, move the pilot project to
2 another county identified in subsection (2) of this section, while
3 maintaining the pilot project in at least five (5) counties during the term of
4 the project.

5 **(4) The state police shall collect data on testing done under this section and, by**
6 **October 31, 2025, submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for**
7 **referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation providing:**

8 **(a) Counts of the number of available testing appointments in each county,**
9 **applicants served, unclaimed testing slots, and no-show appointments;**

10 **(b) Information regarding how the pilot program affected testing associated**
11 **with regional licensing offices; and**

12 **(c) Recommendations on the continuation or expansion of the pilot project.**

13 ➔Section 4. Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.