

**CHAPTER 535****(SB 313)**

AN ACT relating to operator's licenses.

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

Section 1. KRS 186.412 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) at the time of application for an instruction permit may apply for an operator's license to operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped if the person has possessed the valid instruction permit for at least one hundred eighty (180) days. A person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of application for an instruction permit may apply for an operator's license to operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped if the person has possessed the valid instruction permit for at least thirty (30) days. The person shall apply for an operator's license in the office of the circuit clerk of the county where he lives. The application form shall require the applicant's full legal name and signature, date of birth, Social Security number, sex, present resident address, other information necessary to permit the application to also serve as an application for voter registration, and brief physical description of the applicant. If the person is not a United States citizen, the application form shall be accompanied by a photographic copy of the person's employment authorization card, visa card to enter the United States, or permanent residency card issued by the United States Department of Immigration Services and, if applicable, a photographic copy of the person's international driving permit. All applications shall state:
  - (a) If the applicant has previously been licensed as an operator and by what nation or state; and
  - (b) Other information the cabinet may require by administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.
- (2) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue a plastic laminated operator's license bearing a color photograph of the applicant. The photograph shall be taken by the circuit clerk so that one (1) exposure will photograph the applicant and the application simultaneously, using the process determined under provisions of KRS 186.413. When taking the photograph, the applicant shall be prohibited from wearing sunglasses or any other attire that obscures any features of the applicant's face as determined by the clerk. The clerk shall require an applicant to remove sunglasses or other obscuring attire before taking the photograph required by this subsection. Any person who refuses to remove sunglasses or other attire prohibited by this section as directed by the clerk shall be prohibited from receiving an operator's license. The plastic laminated operator's license issued by the cabinet shall not contain the applicant's Social Security number. The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A that develop a numbering system that uses an identification system other than Social Security numbers. The license shall also designate by color coding and use the phrase "under 21" if the licensee is under the age of twenty-one (21); "CDL" if the license is issued pursuant to KRS Chapter 281A; or "under 21 CDL" if the licensee holds a commercial driver's license issued pursuant to KRS Chapter 281A and is under the age of twenty-one (21).
- (3) ~~After January 1, 1996, a person may, before the renewal date for his operator's license, request a circuit clerk to issue a new plastic laminated operator's license that does not contain the person's Social Security number. The person shall be charged the fee established by KRS~~

~~186.531 for renewing an operator's license if the person requests a license pursuant to this subsection.~~

- ~~(4)~~ Every applicant shall make oath to the circuit clerk as to the truthfulness of the statements contained in the form.
- ~~(4)~~~~(5)~~ The clerk may, after determining that the applicant has fully complied with the law governing applications, issue a temporary operator's license to be valid for not more than ninety (90) days. The temporary license shall be valid in lieu of the permanent license during the certification period and shall be destroyed upon receipt of the permanent operator's license.
- ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ The circuit clerk shall issue a color photo nondriver's identification card to any person who resides in the county who applies in person in the office of the circuit clerk. A nondriver's identification card shall be subject to the provisions of this section. An application for a nondriver's identification card shall be accompanied by a signed Social Security card and a birth certificate, or other proof of the applicant's date of birth provided under subsection (1) of this section. If the person is not a United States citizen, an application for a nondriver's identification card shall be accompanied by a photographic copy of the person's employment authorization card, visa card to enter the United States, or permanent residency card issued by the United States Department of Immigration Services. The application shall require the applicant to provide his or her full legal name and most current resident address that may include, but is not limited to, a mailing address, post office box, or an address provided on a voter registration card. If an applicant for a nondriver's identification card is under the age of twenty-one (21), the applicant's most current resident address shall be required unless a current resident address is not available, in which case a mailing address, post office box, or an address provided on a voter registration card may be used. Every applicant for a nondriver's identification card shall make an oath to the circuit clerk as to the truthfulness of the statements contained on the application form. If the applicant is not the legal possessor of the address provided on the application form, the applicant shall swear that he has permission from the legal possessor to use the address for purposes of obtaining the nondriver's identification card. The nondriver's identification card shall designate by color coding and by use of the phrase "under 21" if the applicant is under the age of twenty-one (21).
- ~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ ~~— Military personnel and other~~ Licensed drivers temporarily out-of-county may be issued a license without a photograph. The license shall show in the space provided for the photograph the legend "valid without photo and signature."
- (7) *If a citizen of the Commonwealth currently serving in the United States military is stationed or assigned to a base or other location outside the boundaries of the Commonwealth, the citizen may renew a Class D operator's license issued under this section by mail. If the citizen was issued an "under 21" operator's license, upon the date of his or her twenty-first birthday, the "under 21" operator's license may be renewed for an operator's license that no longer contains the outdated reference to being "under 21".*
- (8) *A citizen of the Commonwealth renewing an operator's license by mail under subsection (7) of this section may have a personal designee apply to the circuit clerk on behalf of the citizen to renew the citizen's operator's license. An operator's license being renewed by mail under subsection (7) of this section shall be issued a license without a photograph.*

***The license shall show in the space provided for the photograph the legend "valid without photo and signature".***

- (9) If a citizen of the Commonwealth has been serving in the United States military and has allowed his operator's license to expire, he shall, within ninety (90) days of returning to the Commonwealth, be permitted to renew his license without having to take a written test or road test. A citizen who does not renew his license within ninety (90) days of returning to the Commonwealth shall be required to comply with the provisions of this chapter governing renewal of a license that has expired. If a citizen of the Commonwealth has been issued an "under 21" or "under 21 CDL" operator's license and the person is unable to renew the license on the date of his twenty-first birthday, the "under 21" or "under 21 CDL" operator's license shall be valid for ninety (90) days beyond the date of the person's twentyfirst birthday.
- ~~(10)(8)~~ The cabinet shall provide on each license to operate motor vehicles, motorcycles, and mopeds a space for the licensed driver's:
- (a) Blood type;
  - (b) Medical insignia if the person provides evidence that a medical identification bracelet noting specific physical ailments or a drug allergy is being worn or other proof as may be required by the cabinet; and
  - (c) A statement whereby the owner of the license may certify in the presence of two (2) witnesses his willingness to make an anatomical gift under KRS 311.195.
- ~~(11)(9)~~ If the motor vehicle operator denotes a physical ailment or drug allergy on the operator's license, he may apply for and shall receive, for a fee of one dollar (\$1) paid to the circuit clerk, a medical insignia decal that may be affixed to the lower left side of the front windshield of a motor vehicle.
- ~~(12)(10)~~ An operator's license pursuant to this section shall be designated a Class D license.
- ~~(13)(11)~~ A person shall not have more than one (1) license.
- ~~(14)(12)~~ Upon marriage, a woman applying for an operator's license or a color photo nondriver's identification card shall provide the circuit clerk with her marriage license and complete an affidavit form provided by the circuit court clerk. She shall have the following choices in regard to her full legal name as required in subsections (1) and (6) of this section:
- (a) Use her husband's last name;
  - (b) Retain her maiden name;
  - (c) Use her maiden name hyphenated with her husband's last name;
  - (d) Use her maiden name as a middle name and her husband's last name as her last name; or
  - (e) In the case of a previous marriage, retain that husband's last name.

Section 2. KRS 186.410 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every person except those exempted by KRS 186.420 and KRS 186.430 shall before operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped upon a highway secure an operator's license as provided in this chapter.

- (2) All original, renewal, and duplicate licenses for the operation of motor vehicles, motorcycles, or mopeds shall be issued by the Transportation Cabinet. Applications for renewal licenses shall be made every four (4) years *within thirty (30) days after the birth date* ~~[during the birth month]~~ of the applicant. A license shall not be issued until the application has been certified by the cabinet.
- (3) All color photo nondriver identification cards shall be valid for four (4) years from the date of issuance.
- (4) A person may, at any time between the age of sixteen (16) and eighteen (18), enroll in one (1) of the following driver training programs:
  - (a) The person may enroll in a driver's education course administered by a school district; or
  - (b) The person may enroll in a driver training school licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 332 which offers a course meeting or exceeding the minimum standards established by the Transportation Cabinet; or
  - (c) The person may seek to enroll in state traffic school before the person's eighteenth birthday. Persons enrolling in state traffic school pursuant to this paragraph shall not be required to pay a fee.
- (5) If, for any reason, a person fails to successfully complete the required driver training pursuant to subsection (4) of this section within one (1) year of being issued an operator's license, the Transportation Cabinet shall enroll the person in state traffic school and cancel or suspend the operator's driving privileges until the person completes state traffic school.

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