

1 AN ACT relating to the issuance of identity documents.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "local official" means a circuit clerk, county clerk, county*  
6 *sheriff, or county judge/executive.*

7 *(2) In any county where at least one (1) permanent regional licensing office is not*  
8 *located, the Transportation Cabinet shall expand the availability of driver*  
9 *licensing services by establishing a system in which a local official in the county*  
10 *may issue renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal identification*  
11 *cards through a mutual agreement between that local official and the*  
12 *Transportation Cabinet.*

13 *(3) In a county in which a local official issues renewal and duplicate operator's*  
14 *licenses and personal identification cards under this section, the Transportation*  
15 *Cabinet shall purchase and install all necessary equipment and hardware.*

16 *(4) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, a local official may*  
17 *issue renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal identification*  
18 *cards only to residents of that county.*

19 *(b) In a county in which renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal*  
20 *identification cards are issued under this section, a local official may enter*  
21 *into an interlocal agreement in accordance with KRS 65.210 to 65.300 to*  
22 *share equipment, personnel, and facilities with other counties for the*  
23 *purpose of issuing renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and personal*  
24 *identification cards.*

25 *(c) In a county where no local official chooses to issue renewal and duplicate*  
26 *operator's licenses and personal identification cards, the county*  
27 *judge/executive of that county may enter into an interlocal agreement with*

1 another county.

2 (d) If a local official enters into an interlocal agreement with the county  
 3 judge/executive of another county under paragraph (c) of this subsection,  
 4 the local official may issue renewal and duplicate operator's licenses and  
 5 personal identification cards to residents of that county under this section.

6 (5) In addition to the fees set forth in Section 2 of this Act, a local official shall  
 7 charge and retain a convenience fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each renewal  
 8 or duplicate operator's license or personal identification card issued under this  
 9 section.

10 (6) A local official issuing documents under this section shall:

11 (a) Issue only renewal and duplicate versions of operator's licenses and  
 12 personal identification cards; and

13 (b) Not issue initial operator's licenses or personal identification cards,  
 14 commercial driver's licenses, or travel IDs.

15 (7) By October 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Transportation Cabinet shall  
 16 report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint  
 17 Committee on Transportation on the number of renewal and duplicate operator's  
 18 licenses and personal identification cards issued in each county under this  
 19 section and information regarding the effect on wait times at regional licensing  
 20 offices.

21 ➔Section 2. KRS 186.531 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) As used in this section:

23 (a) "GF" means the general fund;

24 (b) "IP" means instruction permit;

25 (c) "License fund" or "LF" means the KYTC photo license account created in  
 26 KRS 174.056;

27 (d) "MC" means motorcycle;

1 (e) "MC fund" or "MCF" means the motorcycle safety education program fund  
 2 established in KRS 176.5065;

3 (f) "OL" means operator's license; and

4 (g) "PIDC" means personal identification card.

5 (2) The fees imposed for voluntary travel ID operator's licenses, instruction permits,  
 6 and personal identification cards shall be as follows. The fees received shall be  
 7 distributed as shown in the table. The fees shown, unless otherwise noted, are for an  
 8 eight (8) year period:

| 9 Card Type                        | Fee  | LF      | GF     | MCF  |
|------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|------|
| 10 OL (initial/renewal)            | \$48 | \$48    | \$0    | \$0  |
| 11 OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years)   | \$18 | \$18    | \$0    | \$0  |
| 12 Any OL, MC, or combination      |      |         |        |      |
| 13 (duplicate/corrected)           | \$15 | \$13.25 | \$1.75 | \$0  |
| 14 Motor vehicle IP (3 years)      | \$18 | \$16    | \$2    | \$0  |
| 15 Motorcycle IP (1 year)          | \$18 | \$13    | \$1    | \$4  |
| 16 Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal) | \$48 | \$38    | \$0    | \$10 |
| 17 Combination vehicle/MC OL       |      |         |        |      |
| 18 (initial/renewal)               | \$58 | \$48    | \$0    | \$10 |
| 19 PIDC (initial/renewal)          | \$28 | \$25    | \$3    | \$0  |
| 20 PIDC (duplicate/corrected)      | \$15 | \$13.50 | \$1.50 | \$0  |

21 (3) Except as provided in subsection ~~(9)(10)~~ of this section, the fees imposed for  
 22 standard operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards  
 23 shall be as follows and, unless otherwise noted, are for an eight (8) year period:

| 24 Card Type                     | Fee  | LF   | GF  | MCF |
|----------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 25 OL (initial/renewal)          | \$43 | \$43 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 26 OL (Under 21) (Up to 4 years) | \$15 | \$15 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 27 Any OL, MC, or combination    |      |      |     |     |

|    |                                    |      |         |        |      |
|----|------------------------------------|------|---------|--------|------|
| 1  | (duplicate/corrected)              | \$15 | \$13.25 | \$1.75 | \$0  |
| 2  | Motor vehicle IP (3 years)         | \$15 | \$13    | \$2    | \$0  |
| 3  | Motorcycle IP (1 year)             | \$15 | \$10    | \$1    | \$4  |
| 4  | Motorcycle OL (initial/renewal)    | \$43 | \$33    | \$0    | \$10 |
| 5  | Combination vehicle/MC OL          |      |         |        |      |
| 6  | (initial/renewal)                  | \$53 | \$43    | \$0    | \$10 |
| 7  | PIDC (initial/renewal)             | \$23 | \$20    | \$3    | \$0  |
| 8  | PIDC (duplicate/corrected)         | \$15 | \$13.50 | \$1.50 | \$0  |
| 9  | PIDC (no fixed address) under      |      |         |        |      |
| 10 | KRS 186.4122(5)/186.4123(5)        |      |         |        |      |
| 11 | (initial, duplicate, or corrected) | \$0  | \$0     | \$0    | \$0  |

12 ~~(4) [The fee for a four (4) year original or renewal license issued pursuant to KRS~~  
 13 ~~186.4101 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount shown in subsections (2) and~~  
 14 ~~(3) of this section. The distribution of fees shown in subsections (2) and (3) of this~~  
 15 ~~section shall also be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses that are issued for~~  
 16 ~~four (4) years.~~

17 ~~(5)~~ Any fee for any identity document applied for using alternative technology under  
 18 KRS 186.410 and 186.4122 shall be distributed in the same manner as a document  
 19 applied for in person with the cabinet.

20 ~~(5)~~~~(6)~~ (a) An applicant for an original or renewal operator's license, permit,  
 21 commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal  
 22 identification card shall be requested by the cabinet to make a donation to  
 23 promote an organ donor program.

24 (b) The donation under this subsection shall be added to the regular fee for an  
 25 original or renewal motor vehicle operator's license, permit, commercial  
 26 driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, or personal identification card.  
 27 One (1) donation may be made per issuance or renewal of a license or any

1 combination thereof.

2 (c) The fee shall be paid to the cabinet and shall be forwarded by the cabinet on a  
3 monthly basis to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life, and such  
4 moneys are hereby appropriated to be used exclusively for the purpose of  
5 promoting an organ donor program. A donation under this subsection shall be  
6 voluntary and may be refused by the applicant at the time of issuance or  
7 renewal.

8 ~~(6)~~~~(7)~~ In addition to the fees outlined in this section, the following individuals, upon  
9 application for an initial or renewal operator's license, instruction permit, or  
10 personal identification card, shall pay an additional application fee of thirty dollars  
11 (\$30), which shall be deposited in the photo license account:

12 (a) An applicant who is not a United States citizen or permanent resident and who  
13 applies under KRS 186.4121 or 186.4123; or

14 (b) An applicant who is applying for a instruction permit, operator's license, or  
15 personal identification card without a photo under KRS 186.4102(9).

16 ~~(7)~~~~(8)~~ (a) Except for individuals exempted under paragraph (c) of this subsection,  
17 an applicant for relicensing after revocation or suspension shall pay a  
18 reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40).

19 (b) The reinstatement fee under this subsection shall be distributed by the State  
20 Treasurer as follows:

21 1. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) shall be deposited into the photo license  
22 account; and

23 2. Five dollars (\$5) shall be deposited into a trust and agency fund to be  
24 used in defraying the costs and expenses of administering a driver  
25 improvement program for problem drivers.

26 (c) This subsection shall not apply to:

27 1. Any person whose license was suspended for failure to meet the

1 conditions set out in KRS 186.411 when, within one (1) year of  
2 suspension, the driving privileges of the individual are reinstated; or

3 2. A student who has had his or her license revoked pursuant to KRS  
4 159.051.

5 ~~(8)~~~~(9)~~ As payment for any fee identified in this section, the cabinet:

6 (a) Shall accept cash and personal checks;

7 (b) May accept other methods of payment in accordance with KRS 45.345; and

8 (c) May enter into billing agreements with homeless shelters, health care  
9 facilities, or social service agencies that serve individuals without an  
10 established and fixed nighttime residence of regular return.

11 ~~(9)~~~~(10)~~ There shall be no fee assessed at the regional licensing office for the initial,  
12 renewal, or duplicate standard personal identification card to an individual, if the  
13 individual:

14 (a) Does not possess a valid operator's license or a commercial driver's license;  
15 and

16 (b) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next regular election.

17 **(10) For any renewal or duplicate operator's license or personal identification card**  
18 **issued by a local official under Section 1 of this Act, the local official shall**  
19 **charge the convenience fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) as required in that**  
20 **section, to be retained by the local official.**

21 ➔Section 3. KRS 186.410 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, every person not exempted by  
23 KRS 186.420 and 186.430 shall, before operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or  
24 moped upon a highway, secure an operator's license as provided in this chapter.

25 (2) Except as provided in KRS 186.4121, all original, renewal, and duplicate personal  
26 identification cards and licenses for the operation of motor vehicles or motorcycles  
27 shall be applied for with the Transportation Cabinet, or through alternative

1 technology, and issued by the Transportation Cabinet. ~~[Subject to the provisions of~~  
2 ~~KRS 186.4101,]~~ Applications for renewal licenses and personal identification cards  
3 shall be made every eight (8) years within the birth month of the applicant. A  
4 license shall not be issued until the application has been certified by the cabinet and  
5 the applicant has, if required under KRS 186.635, successfully completed the  
6 examinations required under KRS 186.480.

7 (3) All personal identification cards shall be issued under the provisions of KRS  
8 186.4102, 186.4122, and 186.4123.

9 (4) A person under the age of eighteen (18) years who applies for an instruction permit  
10 shall, at any time between the age of fifteen (15) years and before the person's  
11 eighteenth birthday, enroll in one (1) of the following driver training programs:

12 (a) A driver's education course administered by a school district;

13 (b) A driver training school licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 332 which offers a  
14 course meeting or exceeding the minimum standards established by the  
15 Transportation Cabinet; or

16 (c) State traffic school. The person may seek to enroll in state traffic school  
17 before the person's eighteenth birthday. Persons enrolling in state traffic  
18 school pursuant to this paragraph shall not be required to pay a fee.

19 (5) Any applicant for any initial or renewal instruction permit, operator's license, or  
20 personal identification card under KRS 186.400 to 186.640 may apply for either:

21 (a) A voluntary travel ID document; or

22 (b) A standard document that does not meet standards for federal identification  
23 purposes.

24 (6) When an automated driving system as defined in KRS 186.760 is installed on a  
25 motor vehicle and is engaged, and the motor vehicle is operating as a fully  
26 autonomous vehicle as defined in KRS 186.760, the:

27 (a) Owner of the motor vehicle is considered the operator of the fully autonomous

1 vehicle and shall comply with applicable traffic or motor vehicle laws,  
 2 regardless of whether the owner is physically present in the vehicle while the  
 3 vehicle is operating; and

4 (b) Automated driving system is considered to be licensed to operate the vehicle  
 5 and a licensed human operator is not required to operate the motor vehicle.

6 ➔Section 4. KRS 186.535 is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) From the portion of the fee for each eight (8) year original or renewal operator's  
 8 license which is assigned to the photo license account under KRS 186.531:~~;~~

9 (a) Two dollars (\$2) shall be credited to a special account within the road fund,  
 10 and shall be used exclusively by the Transportation Cabinet for the purpose of  
 11 expanding the state driver education program;~~;~~ and

12 (b) Two dollars (\$2) shall be paid to the fiscal court of the county where the  
 13 operator's~~driver's~~ license holder resides,~~is issued~~ to be used by the fiscal  
 14 court for county road purposes.~~[The distribution of fees under this subsection~~  
 15 ~~shall be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for licenses issued for a four (4) year~~  
 16 ~~term in accordance with KRS 186.4101.]~~

17 (2) From the fee for each annual registration of a motorcycle pursuant to KRS 186.050,  
 18 four dollars (\$4) shall be credited to the motorcycle safety education program fund  
 19 pursuant to KRS 176.5065 and shall be used exclusively for the purposes outlined  
 20 in KRS 176.5061 to 176.5069.

21 ➔Section 5. KRS 186.579 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) The Transportation Cabinet shall issue, to an applicant who successfully passes the  
 23 operator's license examination outlined in KRS 186.578(4), an operator's license  
 24 with the following restrictions:

25 (a) Required use of a bioptic telescopic device;

26 (b) Restricted to daytime driving upon the recommendation of a vision specialist  
 27 or upon failure of a nighttime examination administered under KRS 186.578;

1           and

2           (c) Restricted to vehicles with left and right outside mirrors.

3       (2) A restriction to daytime driving in accordance with subsection (1) of this section  
4 shall be removed if the applicant or licensed driver:

5           (a) Obtains a recommendation from a vision specialist;

6           (b) Successfully completes an evaluation by the Office of Vocational  
7 Rehabilitation's bioptic driving program and training specifically designed for  
8 night driving from a certified driver training program; and

9           (c) Passes a comprehensive night driving examination.

10       (3) (a) Subject to the requirements of paragraph (b) of this subsection, an operator's  
11 license issued under KRS 186.578 and 186.579 shall be valid for ~~four (4)~~  
12 ~~years or (8) years~~ ~~at the discretion of the applicant as outlined in KRS~~  
13 ~~186.4101~~.

14           (b) The holder of a license issued in accordance with this section and KRS  
15 186.578 shall submit the results of a comprehensive visual examination to  
16 Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation each year before the last day of  
17 the birth month of the license holder. An operator's license shall be subject to  
18 suspension if the license holder does not submit results of the comprehensive  
19 visual examination required under this paragraph.

20           (c) If the vision specialist completing the examination required under paragraph  
21 (b) of this subsection certifies that the conditions causing the visual  
22 impairment are stable, then the license shall remain valid. If the conditions  
23 causing the visual impairment are unstable or deteriorating, the license holder  
24 may be required to undergo additional testing as required by the department  
25 and may have his or her operator's license suspended if he or she cannot  
26 successfully pass the tests.

27       ➔Section 6. The following KRS section is repealed:

- 1 186.4101 Renewal of license -- Reconciliation of four-year and eight-year renewal
- 2 periods.
- 3 ➔Section 7. This Act takes effect July 1, 2027.