

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 20, 2022

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB1177

By: Simpson of the Senate and West (Josh) of the House

Title: Driver licenses; requiring certain identifications; requiring use of certain technology.
Emergency.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:


1. That the House recede from all Amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:



Simpson



Weaver

Pugh



Paxton

Pemberton



Brooks

HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs

Senate Action _____ Date _____ House Action _____ Date _____

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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENTS
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1177 By: Simpson of the Senate

3 and
4 West (Josh) of the House
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7 An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 6-124, which relates to veterans
9 designation on licenses; requiring Department of
10 Public Safety to include certain identifications to
11 indicate certain disability rating and status;
12 authorizing certain persons to receive license or
13 identification indicating certain status; authorizing
14 certain status to be valid for confirmation of
15 veterans benefits to certain entities; requiring
16 certain registration; requiring certain departments
17 to implement technology to validate certain claims by
18 a certain date; and declaring an emergency.

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22 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Burns

23 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, lines 6 through 11 1/2, strike the title
24 to read:

"[driver licenses - requiring Department of Public
Safety to include certain identifications to
indicate disability rating and status -
emergency]"

AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 1, line 14, strike the enacting clause

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2022.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2022.

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17 a certain date; and declaring an emergency.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans
22 who have served our country, the Department of Public Safety shall
23 make space available in the upper left-hand corner of the front of
24 the driver license and the identification card for a flag emblem and
25 the word "veteran". When applicable, the Department of Public
26 Safety shall, on the front or back of the driver license or the
27 identification card, include a numeric designation indicating a
28 veteran's one hundred percent (100%) disability rating granted to

1 the veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
2 The items required by this subsection shall ~~to~~ be designed by the
3 Department of Public Safety that will and shall serve as a notation
4 of veteran status and as a notation of the existence of a United
5 States Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating as
6 applicable. The current spouse of a one-hundred-percent disabled
7 veteran or a surviving spouse of a deceased, one-hundred-percent
8 disabled veteran, who has not remarried, shall be entitled to
9 receive a driver license or identification card indicating his or
10 her status as an eligible current spouse or an eligible surviving
11 spouse who has not remarried entitled to the sales tax exemption
12 provided in Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
13 Representation of veteran status and disability rating on the driver
14 license and the identification card shall be adequate confirmation
15 for purposes of veterans benefits offered by public or private
16 entities doing business within this state and no further
17 documentation shall be required except as specifically mandated by
18 federal law.

19 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
20 license or identification card and in addition to other
21 documentation required by the Department, persons requesting the
22 flag emblem or the flag emblem and disability notation shall be
23 registered with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry
24 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided,

1 that if the person requesting the flag emblem has previously
2 received a flag emblem pursuant to this subsection, no registration
3 with the veterans registry shall be required to receive the flag
4 emblem prior to the deadline established in subsection C of this
5 section.

6 C. The Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Department
7 of Veterans Affairs shall implement a technology-based information
8 exchange process where the Department of Public Safety and all motor
9 license agents are able to validate, upon application for issuance
10 or renewal of the driver license or identification card, an
11 applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran disability status,
12 status as a current spouse of an eligible disabled veteran, or
13 status as an eligible surviving spouse of an eligible deceased
14 disabled veteran as provided for in subsection A of this section.
15 The requirements of this subsection shall be implemented no later
16 than July 1, 2023.

17 D. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate any rule
18 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2022.

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5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

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