

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Proctor

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AN ACT concerning driver's licenses; requiring citizenship status be listed on the license; **requiring persons who show a driver's license listing them as noncitizens at a polling place shall be given a provisional ballot if such persons claim to be a citizen**; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. Any person who displays a driver's license listing such person as a noncitizen at a polling place shall be given a provisional ballot for voting purposes if such person claims to be a citizen.

~~Section 1~~**Sec. 2.** K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-243. (a) Upon payment of the required fee, the division shall issue to every applicant qualifying under the provisions of this act the driver's license as applied for by the applicant. Such license shall bear the class or classes of motor vehicles that the licensee is entitled to drive, a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full legal name, *citizenship status*, the date of birth, gender, address of principal residence and a brief description of the licensee, either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of the licensee, a facsimile of the signature of the licensee and the statement provided for in subsection (b). No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed by the licensee. All drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 years shall be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 21 years or older. In addition, all drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 18 years shall also be readily distinguishable from licenses issued to persons age 18 years or older. The secretary of revenue shall implement a vertical format to make drivers' licenses issued to persons under the age of 21 more readily distinguishable. Except as otherwise provided, no driver's license issued by the division shall be valid until either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-engraved photograph of such licensee has been taken and verified before being placed on the driver's license. The secretary of revenue shall prescribe a fee of not more than \$8 and upon the payment of such fee, the division shall cause either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser-

1 engraved photograph of such applicant to be placed on the driver's license.
2 Upon payment of such fee prescribed by the secretary of revenue, plus
3 payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments thereto, for
4 issuance of a new license, the division shall issue to such licensee a new
5 license containing either: (1) A digital color image or photograph; or (2) a
6 laser-engraved photograph of such licensee. A driver's license that does not
7 contain the principal address as required may be issued to persons who are
8 program participants pursuant to K.S.A. 75-455, and amendments thereto,
9 upon payment of the fee required by K.S.A. 8-246, and amendments
10 thereto. All Kansas drivers' licenses and identification cards shall have
11 physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting or
12 duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes. The secretary of
13 revenue shall incorporate common machine-readable technology into all
14 Kansas drivers' licenses and identification cards.

15 (b) A Kansas driver's license issued to any person 16 years of age or
16 older who indicated on the person's application that the person wished to
17 make a gift of all or any part of the body of the licensee in accordance with
18 the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 65-3220 through 65-3244,
19 and amendments thereto, shall have the word "Donor" placed on the front
20 of the licensee's driver's license.

21 (c) Any person who is deaf or hard of hearing may request that the
22 division issue to such person a driver's license which is readily
23 distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to other drivers and upon such
24 request the division shall issue such license. Drivers' licenses issued to
25 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and under the age of 21 years shall
26 be readily distinguishable from drivers' licenses issued to persons who are
27 deaf or hard of hearing and 21 years of age or older. Upon satisfaction of
28 subsection (a), the division shall issue a receipt of application permitting
29 the operation of a vehicle consistent with the requested class, if there are
30 no other restrictions or limitations, pending the division's verification of
31 the information and production of a driver's license.

32 (d) A driver's license issued to a person required to be registered
33 under K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be assigned a
34 distinguishing number by the division which will readily indicate to law
35 enforcement officers that such person is a registered offender. The division
36 shall develop a numbering system to implement the provisions of this
37 subsection.

38 (e) (1) Any person who is a veteran may request that the division
39 issue to such person a driver's license that shall include the designation
40 "VETERAN" displayed on the front of the driver's license at a location to
41 be determined by the secretary of revenue. In order to receive a license
42 described in this subsection, the veteran shall provide a copy of the
43 veteran's DD form 214, NGB form 22 or equivalent discharge document

1 showing character of service as honorable or general under honorable
2 conditions.

3 (2) As used in this subsection, "veteran" means a person who served
4 in the active military, naval, air or space service, including those groups
5 and individuals listed under 38 C.F.R. § 3.7, and who was discharged or
6 released therefrom under an honorable discharge or a general discharge
7 under honorable conditions.

8 (3) The director of vehicles may adopt any rules and regulations
9 necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

10 (f) (1) Any person who submits satisfactory proof to the director of
11 vehicles, on a form provided by the director, that such person needs
12 assistance with cognition, including, but not limited to, persons with
13 autism spectrum disorder, may request that the division issue to such
14 person a driver's license, that shall note such impairment on the driver's
15 license at a location to be determined by the secretary of revenue.

16 (2) Satisfactory proof that a person needs assistance with cognition
17 shall include a statement from a person licensed to practice the healing arts
18 in any state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under K.S.A.
19 65-1131, and amendments thereto, a licensed physician assistant or a
20 person clinically licensed by the Kansas behavioral sciences regulatory
21 board certifying that such person needs assistance with cognition.

22 ~~Sec.-2.~~ **3.** K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 8-243 is hereby repealed.

23 ~~Sec.-3.~~ **4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the statute book.