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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTITY CARD OR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE TO A PERSON BEING DISCHARGED FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 18-81ff of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

5 (a) The Commissioners of Correction and Motor Vehicles shall [,  
6 within available appropriations,] ensure that [an inmate] a person who  
7 is incarcerated possesses [a state identification] an identity card issued  
8 pursuant to section 1-1h or a motor vehicle operator's license issued  
9 pursuant to chapter 246 at the time such [inmate] person is released  
10 from a correctional facility after serving any part of a term of  
11 imprisonment for a misdemeanor or felony conviction, [provided any  
12 such inmate (1) requests and qualifies for such identification card or

13 license, and (2) pays any fee associated with obtaining such  
14 identification card or license.] unless such person (1) indicates, in  
15 writing, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Correction, that  
16 such person does not wish to obtain such card or license, or (2) is  
17 otherwise ineligible for such card or license for reasons that include, but  
18 are not limited to, suspension, revocation or cancellation of motor  
19 vehicle operating provisions in this or any other state.

20 (b) In order to effectuate the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
21 section, at the time a person is committed to the custody of the  
22 Commissioner of Correction, said commissioner, in consultation and  
23 collaboration with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall ascertain  
24 (1) whether the person has been issued a valid identity card pursuant to  
25 section 1-1h or motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to chapter 246,  
26 and (2) if such card or license has been issued, the date upon which such  
27 card or license is to expire.

28 (c) For any person who is incarcerated who wishes to (1) obtain an  
29 initial identity card issued pursuant to section 1-1h, or renew such card,  
30 (2) renew a motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to chapter 246, or  
31 (3) obtain a duplicate card or license if the original card or license has  
32 been lost, the Commissioner of Correction, in consultation and  
33 collaboration with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall:

34 (A) (i) Not later than twenty-four months prior to the date on which  
35 such person is to be discharged from the correctional facility, determine  
36 the documentation such person requires to obtain such card or license;  
37 and (ii) facilitate the process that allows such person to expeditiously  
38 obtain the required documentation by providing access to any forms,  
39 fees, fee waivers, notary services and mailing-related needs, to secure  
40 the required documentation. For any person sentenced to a term of life  
41 imprisonment, the Commissioner of Correction shall begin the process  
42 described in this subdivision not later than twenty-four months prior to  
43 the person's earliest date of eligibility for parole, and immediately begin  
44 the process for any person whose sentence is reduced and the reduced  
45 sentence results in a date of discharge within twenty-four months or

46 who is otherwise scheduled to be released with a date of discharge  
47 within twenty-four months; and

48 (B) Not later than thirteen months prior to the date on which such  
49 person is to be discharged from the correctional facility, initiate a  
50 process that allows such person to expeditiously obtain any additionally  
51 required documentation or photographs by providing (i) access to any  
52 forms, fees, fee waivers, notary services and mailing-related needs, to  
53 secure the required documentation, and (ii) a means by which to obtain  
54 the required photographs. For any person sentenced to a term of life  
55 imprisonment, the Commissioner of Correction shall begin the process  
56 described in this subdivision not later than thirteen months prior to the  
57 person's earliest date of eligibility for parole, and immediately begin the  
58 process for any person whose sentence is reduced and the reduced  
59 sentence results in a date of discharge within thirteen months or who is  
60 otherwise scheduled to be released with a date of discharge within  
61 thirteen months.

62 (d) At the time a person is released from a correctional facility, the  
63 Commissioner of Correction shall provide an identity card issued  
64 pursuant to section 1-1h or a motor vehicle operator's license issued  
65 pursuant to chapter 246 to any person who requested assistance in  
66 obtaining such card or license pursuant to the provisions of this section  
67 and is not otherwise ineligible to receive such card or license.

68 (e) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
69 Commissioner of Correction shall report, in accordance with the  
70 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
71 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary  
72 on:

73 (1) The total number of formerly incarcerated persons who were  
74 issued original, renewal or duplicate identity cards pursuant to section  
75 1-1h, and renewal or duplicate motor vehicle operator's licenses issued  
76 pursuant to chapter 246, disaggregated by card and license type;

77 (2) The total number of identification cards and motor vehicle

78 operator's licenses issued to such persons by each individual state  
79 correctional facility; and

80 (3) Any issues encountered by the Department of Correction in  
81 implementing the provisions of this section along with  
82 recommendations for the resolution of such issues and any  
83 recommended enhancements to the provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	18-81ff