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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A DESIGNATION FOR A REGISTERED SEX
OFFENDER ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION
CARD; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SEX OFFENDER
REGISTRATION ACT OF 1997; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE A DESIGNATION FOR A REGISTERED
SEX OFFENDER ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
IDENTIFICATION CARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(a), concerning a disclosure of a
person's status as a registered sex offender, is amended to add an additional
subdivision read as follows:

(4) Registration records shall be open to the Office of Motor
Vehicle of the Department of Finance and Administration for the issuance of a
driver's license or identification card to a registered sex offender under §
27-16-819.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-16-819. Designation for registered sex offender.

(a)(1) Before the Office of Driver Services issues a driver's license
or identification card to an applicant, the applicant shall provide



1 information to the office concerning whether the applicant is:

2 (A) Required to register as a sex offender under the Sex
3 Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.;

4 (B) Currently registered as a sex offender under the Sex
5 Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.; and

6 (C) Classified as a Level 3 or Level 4 sex offender by the
7 Community Notification Assessment.

8 (2) The office shall place a designation on an applicant's
9 driver's license or identification card sufficient to enable a law
10 enforcement officer to identify the holder of the driver's license or
11 identification card as a registered sex offender subject to the Sex Offender
12 Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., if the applicant is:

13 (A) Required to register as a sex offender; and

14 (B) Classified as a Level 3 or Level 4 sex offender by the
15 Community Notification Assessment.

16 (3) Before the office issues a driver's license or
17 identification card to an applicant who is required to have a designation
18 placed on his or her driver's license or identification card under this
19 section and who has not previously had a designation placed on his or her
20 driver's license or identification card under this section, the applicant
21 shall provide proof to the office that the applicant is registered as a sex
22 offender in compliance with the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-
23 12-901 et seq.

24 (b) The office may:

25 (1) Determine the appropriate placement and design of the
26 registered sex offender designation on a driver's license or identification
27 card authorized under this section; and

28 (2) Promulgate rules for the administration of this section.

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