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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 TO CREATE A DESIGNATION FOR A REGISTERED  
19 SEX OFFENDER ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR  
20 IDENTIFICATION CARD.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(a), concerning a disclosure of a  
25 person's status as a registered sex offender, is amended to add an additional  
26 subdivision read as follows:

27 (4) Registration records shall be open to the Office of Motor  
28 Vehicle of the Department of Finance and Administration for the issuance of a  
29 driver's license or identification card to a registered sex offender under §  
30 27-16-819.  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is  
33 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

34 27-16-819. Designation for registered sex offender.

35 (a)(1) Before the Office of Driver Services issues a driver's license  
36 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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