
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that people with certain
2 disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorder, cognitive
3 impairments, and other neurological or developmental conditions,
4 may appear to be high functioning but may not react in expected
5 ways during interactions with law enforcement or first
6 responders. A routine traffic stop or emergency could escalate
7 if the law enforcement officer or first responder is not aware
8 of a non-apparent disability. These circumstances may lead to
9 misunderstandings or escalation that could otherwise be avoided
10 if the presence of a disability were known.

11 The legislature further finds that other states have
12 adopted measures allowing a voluntary notation on identification
13 cards to indicate the presence of a disability, for purposes of
14 promoting safer and more informed interactions. The legislature
15 believes that allowing individuals to voluntarily indicate the
16 presence of a disability on a form of identification can help



1 promote awareness, understanding, and appropriate responses
2 during interactions with law enforcement and first responders.

3 The purpose of this Act is to promote safer and
4 compassionate communication by:

5 (1) Allowing an applicant with a disability to request a
6 special notation on a driver's license, permit, or
7 identification card; and

8 (2) Requiring the department of transportation to
9 establish public outreach efforts and coordinate with
10 state and county law enforcement agencies regarding
11 the disability notation.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to part VI to be appropriately
14 designated and to read as follows:

15 "§286- Disability; identification. (a) Beginning
16 January 1, 2027, an applicant for an instruction permit,
17 provisional license, driver's license, limited purpose driver's
18 license, limited purpose provisional driver's license, or
19 limited purpose instruction permit, including any renewals, may
20 request a notation on the applicable permit, provisional



1 license, or driver's license that the individual has a
2 disability, at no additional cost.

3 (b) No applicant shall be required to submit proof of the
4 applicant's disability.

5 (c) The examiner of drivers shall not deny an application
6 for a permit or license because the disability selected by the
7 applicant does not match that indicated on any other document.

8 (d) The department of transportation shall adopt rules
9 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this
10 section.

11 (e) The department of transportation shall:

12 (1) Establish public outreach efforts to educate the
13 general public on the availability of the disability
14 notation; and

15 (2) Coordinate with the department of law enforcement and
16 each county police department to ensure that annual
17 training for law enforcement officers includes
18 procedures for recognizing and appropriately
19 responding to individuals with disability notations on
20 their permit, provisional license, or driver's
21 license."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 286, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part XVI to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§286- Disability; identification. (a) Beginning
5 January 1, 2027, an applicant for a civil identification card,
6 including any renewals, may request a notation on the civil
7 identification card that the individual has a disability, at no
8 additional cost.

9 (b) No applicant shall be required to submit proof of the
10 applicant's disability.

11 (c) The examiner of drivers shall not deny an application
12 for a civil identification card because the disability selected
13 by the applicant does not match that indicated on any other
14 document.

15 (d) The department of transportation shall adopt rules
16 pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this
17 section.

18 (e) The department of transportation shall:

19 (1) Establish public outreach efforts to educate the
20 general public on the availability of the disability
21 notation; and



1 (2) Coordinate with the department of law enforcement and
2 each county police department to ensure that annual
3 training for law enforcement officers includes
4 procedures for recognizing and appropriately
5 responding to individuals with disability notations on
6 their civil identification card."

7 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

DOT; Driver's License; Permit; Civil Identification Card;
Disability Notation

Description:

Allows applicants for driver's permit, driver's license, or civil identification cards to request a disability notation on their permit, license, or identification card. Requires the Department of Transportation to establish public outreach efforts and coordinate with state and county law enforcement agencies regarding the disability notation. Effective 7/1/3000.
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