

ACT 166

H.B. NO. 1587

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Issuance of Certificates of Identification.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to add a new section that will provide for an expiration date for Hawaii's certificate of identification, also known as the state identification card, and to make an appropriation to provide for an automated photo identification system.

Hawaii is one of a small number of states in the nation that does not provide for an expiration date on the state-issued identification card. An expiration date would ensure that state records are kept current and that the identification card reflects more accurate data and a more recent photograph for the individual.

An appropriation for an updated photo identification system would allow the civil identification staff to process the additional workload that an expiration date would generate without additional staffing, help improve services by reducing long processing and waiting times for the general public, improve the quality of the card, and improve the integrity of the information captured.

SECTION 2. Chapter 846, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding to part II a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§846- Expiration date. Every certificate of identification issued under this part, whether an original or a renewal, shall bear an expiration date which shall be six years after the date of issuance; provided that if the person is a legal nonimmigrant, the certificate shall bear an expiration date that is the same as the

expiration date on the person's Immigration and Naturalization Service departure card (I-94). All certificates of identification issued without expiration dates shall expire on December 31, 1999.''

SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$325,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997-1998 for the purchase of a photo identification system that will be used to produce the state identification card and the sum of \$75,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 1998-1999 for ongoing operational costs of the system.

SECTION 4. The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of the attorney general for the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1997.

(Approved June 16, 1997.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.