

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2017

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
Jim Frazier, Chair  
AB 790 (Mark Stone) – As Introduced February 15, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Identification cards: replacement: reduced fee

**SUMMARY:** Provides for a reduced fee for a replacement identification card issued to an eligible inmate upon release from a state or federal correctional facility or a county jail and to an eligible patient treated in a facility of the Department of State Hospitals (DSH). Specifically, **this bill** provides for a reduced fee of \$8 for a replacement identification card issued to an inmate upon release from a state or federal correctional facility or a county jail facility, or a patient treated in a DSH facility, if the inmate or patient meets the following criteria:

- 1) The inmate or patient has previously held a California driver's license or identification card;
- 2) The inmate or patient has a usable photo on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) that is not more than 10 years old;
- 3) The inmate or patient has no outstanding fees due for a prior California identification card;
- 4) The inmate or patient has provided, and DMV has verified, the inmate or patient's true full name, date of birth, social security number, and legal presence in the United States;
- 5) The inmate currently resides in a facility under the control of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), a federal correctional facility, or a county jail, or the patient is currently preparing to be unconditionally discharged from a DSH facility or through a conditional release program; and,
- 6) The inmate or patient has provided DMV a verification of his or her eligibility for a reduced fee that is typed or computer-generated on correctional facility, county sheriff, or DSH letterhead, contains the inmate or patient's name and date of birth, the original signature of an official from the correctional facility, sheriff's office, or DSH, and is dated within 90 days of the date of the application for a reduced fee.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Authorizes DMV to issue an identification card to any person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by an applicant upon payment of a fee of \$26.
- 2) Waives the fee for an original or replacement identification card issued to a senior citizen or a person who can verify his or her status as a homeless person or a homeless child or youth, as specified.
- 3) Provides for a reduced fee of \$6 for an original or replacement identification card issued to a person who has been determined to have a current income level that meets the eligibility requirements for specified assistance programs.

- 4) Requires CDCR and DMV to ensure that an inmate released from state prison has a valid identification card, if the inmate meets the following criteria:
  - a) The inmate has previously held a California driver's license or identification card;
  - b) The inmate has a usable photo on file with DMV that is not more than 10 years old;
  - c) The inmate has no outstanding fees due for a prior California identification card; and,
  - d) The inmate has provided, and DMV has verified, the inmate's true full name, date of birth, social security number, and legal presence in the United States.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Unknown

**COMMENTS:** Under DMV's existing Reduced-Fee ID Card Program, persons qualifying for public assistance programs such as CalWORKs, SNAP/CalFresh and the California Food Assistance Program may also qualify for an identification card issued by the department for a reduced fee of \$6.

AB 2308 (Stone), Chapter 607, Statutes of 2014, required CDCR and DMV to ensure that all inmates released from state prisons have valid identification cards. Although CDCR and county officials are authorized to attest to an inmate's eligibility for the Reduced-Fee ID Card Program, those incarcerated persons do not always possess income documentation, particularly those who have been incarcerated for months or years.

This bill, sponsored by CDCR and DMV, would allow inmates and DSH patients to qualify separately for identification cards issued by DMV for a reduced fee of \$8. The author states that this bill will allow the state to assist released inmates and patients in their transition from incarceration or hospitalization to post-release life by aiding them in obtaining employment, benefits, and public assistance. The author argues that this could in turn reduce recidivism and overcrowding at federal, state, and county correctional facilities.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

California Catholic Conference  
California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association  
California State Association of Counties

**Opposition**

None on file

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