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HOUSE BILL 292

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES; CREATING A DESIGNATION ON  
DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS ON  
ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 66, Article 5 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND VETERAN DRIVER'S  
LICENSE DESIGNATION.--Within the forms prescribed by the  
department for applications and licenses of drivers of motor  
vehicles, a space shall be provided to show whether the  
applicant is a person who is on active duty in the armed forces  
of the United States or is a veteran as defined in Section  
9-22-3 NMSA 1978. A person who is on active duty in the armed

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1 forces of the United States or is a veteran and is applying for  
2 a license may, if the applicant desires, indicate the  
3 applicant's status as a person who is on active duty in the  
4 armed forces of the United States or is a veteran on the space  
5 provided on the application. This status, if given by an  
6 applicant, shall be displayed on the license issued. The form  
7 and the driver's license shall be signed by the applicant in  
8 the presence of a witness who shall also sign the form in the  
9 applicant's presence."

10 SECTION 2. Section 66-5-401 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
11 Chapter 35, Section 328, as amended) is amended to read:

12 "66-5-401. IDENTIFICATION CARDS.--

13 A. A person who does not have a valid New Mexico  
14 driver's license may be issued an identification card by the  
15 department certified by the applicant as to true name, correct  
16 age and other identifying data as the department may require.  
17 Every application for an identification card shall be signed by  
18 the applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian. The  
19 secretary may, for good cause, revoke or deny the issuance of  
20 an identification card.

21 B. Within the forms prescribed by the department  
22 for identification card applications, a space shall be provided  
23 to show whether the applicant is a donor as provided in the  
24 Jonathan Spradling Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. A  
25 person applying for an identification card may indicate that

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1 person's status on the space provided on the application. The  
2 donor status indicated by the applicant shall be displayed on  
3 the identification card. The form and identification card  
4 shall be signed by the donor in the presence of a witness who  
5 shall also sign the form in the donor's presence.

6 C. Within the forms prescribed by the department  
7 for identification card applications, a space shall be provided  
8 to show whether the applicant is a person who is on active duty  
9 in the armed forces of the United States or is a veteran as  
10 defined in Section 9-22-3 NMSA 1978. A person who is on active  
11 duty in the armed forces of the United States or is a veteran  
12 and is applying for an identification card may, if the  
13 applicant desires, indicate the applicant's status as a person  
14 who is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States  
15 or is a veteran on the space provided on the application. This  
16 status, if given by an applicant, shall be displayed on the  
17 identification card issued. The form and the identification  
18 card shall be signed by the applicant in the presence of a  
19 witness who shall also sign the form in the applicant's  
20 presence."

21 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--**The effective date of the  
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2014.