

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 544

By: Wingard of the Senate

and

Kerbs of the House

An Act relating to identification documents; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 2-106.3, which relates to the Fraudulent Documents Identification Unit; modifying name of unit; requiring Commissioner of Public Safety to promulgate rules; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Sections 6-110.2 and 6-301, as amended by Sections 51 and 76, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Sections 6-110.2 and 6-301), which relate to driver licenses; modifying certain authority; clarifying certain immunity; stating certain responsibility; authorizing certain agreements; updating statutory language and references; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Identity Verification Unit

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 2-106.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-106.3. A. Subject to the availability of funding, the Department of Public Safety shall establish ~~a Fraudulent Documents Identification (FDI) Unit~~ an Identity Verification Unit (IVU) for the primary purpose of investigating and apprehending persons or entities that participate in the sale or distribution of fraudulent documents used for identification purposes. The unit shall additionally specialize in fraudulent identification documents created and prepared for persons who are unlawfully residing within ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state. The Department shall employ

sufficient employees to investigate and implement an ~~FDI Unit~~
Identity Verification Unit.

B. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules to administer the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-110.2, as amended by Section 51, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-110.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-110.2. A. Service Oklahoma shall implement a procedure for computerized finger imaging by means of an inkless finger image scanning device and shall require every applicant for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to submit to finger imaging for the purposes of proof of identity and to ensure the security of the driver license or identification card issued to the applicant. If the finger image of a person over sixty-five (65) years of age cannot be scanned and the issuing agent can personally verify the individual's identity with alternative identification, the finger imaging shall be overridden. Means must be provided to trace to the agent who authorized the override.

B. No unemancipated person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be issued a driver license or identification card by Service Oklahoma unless an authorization form, prescribed and furnished by Service Oklahoma, or notarized affidavit authorizing the finger imaging of the person and signed by the legal custodial parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of the person, is in the possession of Service Oklahoma.

C. No law enforcement agency of the state or federal government other than ~~Service Oklahoma~~ the Department of Public Safety shall have access to any information collected through the use of computerized finger imaging without first obtaining a court order from a judge of competent jurisdiction; provided, however, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall have access to such imaging for the purpose of identifying a person who is deceased, missing, or endangered. Each application for an order authorizing the access to any information collected through the use of computerized finger imaging shall be made in writing upon oath or affirmation to a judge of competent jurisdiction. Each application

shall establish probable cause for belief that a named individual is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a particular violation of law.

D. Service Oklahoma shall adopt rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-301, as amended by Section 76, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-301), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-301. It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the acts specified in paragraph 1 or 2 of this section in relation to an Oklahoma driver license or identification card authorized to be issued by Service Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title or any driver license or other evidence of driving privilege or identification card authorized to be issued by the state of origin.

1. It is a misdemeanor for any licensee:

- a. to display or cause or permit to be displayed one's own license after such license has been suspended, revoked, or canceled or to possess one's own license after having received notice of its suspension, revocation, or cancellation,
- b. to lend one's own license or identification card to any other person or knowingly permit the use thereof by another,
- c. to display or cause or permit to be displayed or to possess a license or identification card issued to oneself which bears altered information concerning the date of birth, expiration date, sex, height, eye color, weight, or license or card number,
- d. to fail or refuse to surrender to Service Oklahoma upon its lawful demand any license or identification card which has been suspended, revoked, or canceled,

- e. to permit any unlawful use of a license or identification card issued to oneself,
- f. to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this chapter, excepting those acts as provided in paragraph 2 of this section,
- g. to display or represent as one's own, any license or identification card not issued to such person, unless under conditions provided in subparagraph e of paragraph 2 of this section, or
- h. to add to, delete from, alter, or deface the required information on a driver license or identification card.

2. It is a felony for any person:

- a. to create, publish, or otherwise manufacture an Oklahoma or other state license or identification card or facsimile thereof, or to create, manufacture, or possess an engraved plate or other such device, card, laminate, digital image or file, or software for the printing of an Oklahoma or other state license or identification card or facsimile thereof, except as authorized pursuant to this title,
- b. to display or cause or permit to be displayed or to knowingly possess any state counterfeit or fictitious license or identification card,
- c. to display or cause to be displayed or to knowingly possess any state license or identification card bearing a fictitious or forged name or signature,
- d. to display or cause to be displayed or to knowingly possess any state license or identification card bearing the photograph of any person, other than the person named thereon as licensee,
- e. to display or represent as one's own, any license or identification card not issued to him or her, for the

purpose of committing a fraud in any commercial transaction or to mislead a peace officer in the performance of his or her duties, or

- f. to use a false or fictitious name in any application for a license or identification card or to knowingly make a false statement or to knowingly conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any such application.

3. It is a felony for any employee or person authorized to issue or approve the issuance of licenses or identification cards under this title to knowingly issue or attempt to issue a license or identification card or to knowingly give approval for, cause, or attempt to cause a license or identification card to be issued:

- a. to a person not entitled thereto,
- b. bearing erroneous information thereon, or
- c. bearing the photograph of a person other than the person named thereon.

Such conduct shall be grounds for termination of employment of the employee.

4. The violation of any of the provisions of paragraph 1 of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine ~~of~~ not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); the violation of any of the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of this section shall constitute a felony and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not ~~exceeding~~ to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or a term of imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections not to exceed seven (7) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

5. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, ~~Service~~ Oklahoma the Department of Public Safety, through the Identity Verification Unit established pursuant to Section 2-106.3 of this title, may, upon the request of the chief administrator of a law enforcement, military, or intelligence agency, authorize the

issuance to and display, and possession by a person of a license which would otherwise be a violation of this section, for the sole purpose of aiding in a criminal investigation or a military or intelligence operation. While acting pursuant to such authorization by ~~Service Oklahoma~~ the Department, such person shall not be prosecuted for a violation under this section unless the person exceeds the scope or duration of the Department's authorization. Upon termination of such investigation or operation or upon request of the Department, ~~Service Oklahoma shall forthwith cause such license to be returned to Service Oklahoma~~ the chief administrator of the law enforcement agency that requests the issuance of the license and the recipient of the license shall be jointly responsible to ensure the license is promptly returned to the Department. The Department and Service Oklahoma shall enter into interagency agreements as may be necessary to fulfill the powers and duties set forth in this paragraph. The Department may enter into interagency agreements with law enforcement agencies that request issuance of such a license to set forth the terms of the authorization for use of the license, the terms for custody and control of the license, and the terms for duration and revocation of authorization to use or possess the license.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of April, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House
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