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SENATE BILL 836

Short Title: Waive Fee – ID Cards of Indigents.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; Martin of Guilford, Jordan, Edwards, Gulley, and Warren.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR HOMELESS AND INDIGENT PERSONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-37.7(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) A special identification card issued under this section shall expire on the birth date of the holder in the fourth year of issuance. The fee for the issuance or reissuance of a special identification card is the same as the fee set in G.S. 20-14 for issuing a duplicate license. A special identification card may be issued without fee to a resident of North Carolina who is legally blind or has attained the age of ~~70~~-70 or indigent persons who are mentally ill, mentally retarded, homeless, or who are on public assistance as the sole source of income. As used in this section, 'indigent' means a person who is qualified for legal assistance which is paid for with public funds. For purposes of this section, a homeless person is an individual who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence or an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is:

- (1) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including congregated shelters, and transitional housing;
- (2) An institution that provides temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
- (3) A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.

1 The term does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant
2 to an act of Congress. Annually, the director of a facility which provides care or shelter
3 to homeless persons must certify this fact to the Department of Transportation. The
4 Department shall maintain a list of facilities which are approved by the Department and
5 only letters from the directors of these approved facilities are considered to comply with
6 the provisions of this section.

7 To have the issuance or renewal fee waived for an identification card, a homeless
8 person must present a letter to the Department from the director of a facility that
9 provides care or shelter to homeless persons verifying that the person named in the letter
10 is homeless, or the homeless person shall sign an affidavit swearing that the person is
11 homeless as defined above.

12 The fees collected for the issuance of special identification cards to persons under the
13 age of 16 shall be placed in a reserve fund to cover the cost of the operation of the
14 program required by this Article."

15 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.