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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A DESIGNATION FOR A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1997; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CREATE A DESIGNATION FOR A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(a), concerning a disclosure of a person's status as a registered sex offender, is amended to add an additional subdivision read as follows:

(4) Registration records shall be open to the Office of Motor Vehicle of the Department of Finance and Administration for the issuance of a driver's license or identification card to a registered sex offender under § 27-16-819.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-16-819. Designation for registered sex offender.

(a)(1) Before the Office of Driver Services issues a driver's license or identification card to an applicant, the applicant shall provide



information to the office concerning whether the applicant is:

(A) Required to register as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.;

(B) Currently registered as a sex offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.; and

(C) Classified as a Level 3 or Level 4 sex offender by the Community Notification Assessment.

(2) The office shall place a designation on an applicant's driver's license or identification card sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to identify the holder of the driver's license or identification card as a registered sex offender subject to the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq., if the applicant is:

(A) Required to register as a sex offender; and

(B) Classified as a Level 3 or Level 4 sex offender by the Community Notification Assessment.

(3) Before the office issues a driver's license or identification card to an applicant who is required to have a designation placed on his or her driver's license or identification card under this section and who has not previously had a designation placed on his or her driver's license or identification card under this section, the applicant shall provide proof to the office that the applicant is registered as a sex offender in compliance with the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et seq.

(b) The office may:

(1) Determine the appropriate placement and design of the registered sex offender designation on a driver's license or identification card authorized under this section; and

(2) Promulgate rules for the administration of this section.

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