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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 7, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for the acceptance of identification  
3 cards as a form of identification.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1510(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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11 (b) Identification card.--The department shall, upon payment  
12 of the required fee, issue an identification card to any person  
13 who has made application therefor in such manner as the  
14 department shall prescribe. The identification card shall have  
15 substantially the same content as a driver's license but shall  
16 clearly indicate that it is not a driver's license. In addition,  
17 the department shall include with each identification card a

1 notice of the provisions contained in subsection (e). Upon  
2 failure of any person to pass any examination required under  
3 section 1514 (relating to expiration and renewal of drivers'  
4 licenses), the department shall, where appropriate, issue a  
5 complimentary identification card as an expression of gratitude  
6 for years of safe driving. The card shall only be issued upon  
7 receipt of the person's driver's license.

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9 (e) Use of identification cards.--If a person has an  
10 established policy of accepting a driver's license issued  
11 pursuant to subsection (a) for the purpose of identification for  
12 the acceptance of a check given for payment of purchase or for  
13 the cashing of a check, the person shall also accept an  
14 identification card issued pursuant to subsection (b) for the  
15 same purpose. It shall be a defense to a prosecution under this  
16 subsection that the person was not presented with the notice of  
17 the provisions of this subsection included with the  
18 identification card issued by the department.

19 Section 2. Within ten days after the effective date of this  
20 act, the department shall send by mail to each person who holds  
21 a currently valid identification card as of the effective date  
22 of the act, the notice required by 75 Pa.C.S. § 1510(b)  
23 (relating to identification card) to be included with the  
24 identification card.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 120 days.