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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, defining "biometrics," "fingerprint imaging" and
3 "smart card technology"; and further providing for issuance
4 and content of driver's license and for commercial driver's
5 license.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:

10 § 102. Definitions.

11 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
12 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
13 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
14 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
15 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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17 "Biometrics." The science and technology for measuring and
18 analyzing human body characteristics, including, but not limited
19 to, fingerprints, eye retinas and irises, voice patterns, facial

1 patterns or hand measurements for the purpose of personal
2 identity authentication.

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4 "Fingerprint imaging." A biometric process by which
5 fingerprints are scanned, identifying features (minutiae) are
6 extracted and measurements of the minutiae points relative to
7 each other are mapped for comparison.

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9 "Smart card technology." A small electronic device that
10 contains electronic memory on an embedded integrated circuit.

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12 Section 2. Section 1510(a) and (b) of Title 75, amended
13 November 29, 2006 (P.L.1449, No.159), are amended and the
14 section is amended by adding subsections to read:

15 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

16 (a) General rule.--The department shall, upon payment of the
17 required fee, issue to every qualified applicant a driver's
18 license [indicating the type or general class of vehicles the
19 licensee is authorized to drive and any endorsements or
20 restrictions, which license shall contain a distinguishing
21 number assigned by the department to the licensee, the actual
22 name, date of birth, residence address, a color photograph or
23 photographic facsimile of the licensee, such other information
24 as may be required by the department, and either a facsimile of
25 the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee
26 shall write his usual signature with pen and ink.] which
27 complies with the requirements of subsections (a.1), (a.2) and
28 this subsection. The driver's license shall be designed and
29 manufactured utilizing smart card technology which utilizes a
30 departmental managed smart card technology database to retrieve

1 the pertinent information under subsections (a.1) and (a.2).
2 Program participants in the Address Confidentiality Program
3 under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 67 (relating to domestic and sexual
4 violence victim address confidentiality) may use a substitute
5 address designated by the Office of Victim Advocate as their
6 address. Personal medical data and other information for use in
7 an emergency may be included as a part of the license.
8 Information other than that required to identify the licensee,
9 the distinguishing number and the class of license issued may be
10 included in microdata form. Except as provided in subsection
11 (f), an applicant shall include his Social Security number on
12 his license application, but the Social Security number shall
13 not be included on the license. No driver's license shall be
14 valid until it has been signed by the licensee.

15 (a.1) Visual information on license.--A driver's license
16 issued under subsection (a) shall contain in visual format all
17 of the following:

18 (1) A distinguishing number assigned by the department
19 to the licensee.

20 (2) A color photograph or photographic facsimile of the
21 licensee.

22 (3) The actual name of the licensee in printed form.

23 (4) A facsimile of the signature of the licensee.

24 (5) The expiration date of the license.

25 (6) Any other information the department deems
26 necessary.

27 (a.2) Information stored by smart card technology.--The
28 smart card technology required under this section shall be
29 capable of storing in a secure manner all of the following
30 information:

1 (1) A distinguishing number assigned by the department
2 to the licensee.

3 (2) The actual name of the licensee.

4 (3) The date of birth of the licensee.

5 (4) The residential address of the licensee.

6 (5) A physical description of the person, including sex,
7 height and eye color.

8 (6) A facsimile of the signature of the licensee.

9 (7) Social Security number.

10 (8) Fingerprint image.

11 (9) The type or general class of vehicles the licensee
12 is authorized to drive.

13 (10) Any restrictions or endorsements.

14 (11) The expiration date of the license.

15 (12) Any other information the department deems
16 necessary.

17 (b) Identification card.--The department shall, upon payment
18 of the required fee, issue an identification card to any person
19 ten years of age or older who has made application therefor in
20 such manner as the department shall prescribe or whose driver's
21 license has been surrendered to the department because of a
22 suspension or revocation of an operating privilege under this or
23 any other title. Program participants in the Address
24 Confidentiality Program under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 67 may use a
25 substitute address designated by the Office of Victim Advocate
26 as their address. The identification card shall be designed and
27 manufactured in the same manner and of the same components as a
28 driver's license and shall have substantially the same content
29 as a driver's license but shall clearly indicate that it is not
30 a driver's license. Upon failure of any person to pass any

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

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8 Section 3. Section 1610(a) of Title 75 is amended to read:
9 § 1610. Commercial driver's license.

10 (a) Content of license.--The commercial driver's license
11 shall indicate "commercial driver's license" or ["CDL"] "CDL,"
12 shall comply with the design and manufacturer's standards under
13 section 1510(a) and (a.1) (relating to issuance and content of
14 driver's license) and the smart card technology requirements
15 under section 1510(a.1) and (a.2) and shall include, but not be
16 limited to, the [following information:

17 (1) The name and residential address of the person.

18 (2) The person's color photograph or photographic
19 facsimile.

20 (3) A physical description of the person, including sex,
21 height and eye color.

22 (4) Date of birth.

23 (5) The license number assigned by the department.

24 (6) The person's signature or a facsimile of that
25 signature.

26 (7) The] class or type of commercial motor vehicle or
27 vehicles which the person is authorized to drive, together
28 with any endorsements or restrictions.

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30 Section 4. The Department of Transportation shall provide a

1 schedule to phase in the new drivers' licenses over a four-year
2 period which follows the expiration dates for drivers' licenses
3 issued on and after January 1, 2009.

4 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, or
5 immediately, whichever is later.