

1 SB289
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3 By Senator Ward
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of Corrections is required to issue minimum documentation of identification to inmates upon release to allow the released inmate to obtain employment.

This bill would require the Department of Corrections to allow an inmate to apply for a non-driver identification card prior to release.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 14-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the discharge of inmates; to require the Department of Corrections to allow an inmate to apply for a non-driver identification card prior to release.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 14-10-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§14-10-1.

2 "(a) The Department of Corrections shall adopt
3 reasonable regulations and criteria to determine those state
4 inmates ~~that~~ who require clothing and transportation upon the
5 expiration of their term of custody, and before the expiration
6 of their term of custody for each state inmate shall make a
7 reasonable determination of whether or not the state inmate
8 has ready and immediate access to clothing and transportation,
9 that meet the requirements of this section. Each state inmate,
10 who is determined to require clothing and transportation
11 ~~shall~~, at the expiration of his or her term of custody, shall
12 be discharged from the custody and shall be furnished with
13 clothes and with the least expensive mode of public
14 transportation to the point where the inmate is to report for
15 parole and probation supervision, or to the point of
16 sentencing, to be paid from the Department of Corrections
17 general operating funds. Clothing shall be of decent and
18 reasonable quality for employment.

19 "(b) The Department of Corrections shall provide
20 minimum documentation for identification, including a social
21 security card and a birth certificate, necessary to obtain
22 employment. The Department of Corrections, in conjunction with
23 the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, shall assist an
24 inmate in obtaining a non-driver identification card, as
25 required in Section 41-27-3.2.

26 "(c) Any inmate entitled to clothing and
27 transportation may waive same, in which case the Department of

1 Corrections shall not be required to make any payment in lieu
2 of clothing and transportation. Each state inmate shall
3 receive this clothing and transportation allowance only once
4 per offense and multiple offenses being served consecutively
5 or concurrently shall for this purpose be considered one
6 offense; but the Department of Corrections may at its
7 discretion furnish transportation as noted above upon any
8 discharge. If ~~such~~ the inmate is charged with the commission
9 of any other criminal offense, he or she must be delivered to
10 the proper sheriff or officer to answer ~~such~~ the charge."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.