S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

4721

2009-2010 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

April 27, 2009

Introduced by Sen. LEIBELL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the creation of a system of uniform identification cards for firefighters and emergency services personnel

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 709-a to read as follows:

S 709-A. UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL. 1. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE DATABASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING, DISTRIBUTING AND MONITORING UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR ALL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE NEW YORK EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AS HE OR SHE DEEMS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ALL PAID AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THIS STATE WHICH SHALL CONTAIN ALL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) A PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND SUCH PERSON'S BADGE NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE;

(B) THE PERSON'S HEIGHT, WEIGHT, EYE COLOR, SEX AND RACE;

(C) THE TOWN, VILLAGE, CITY, COUNTY, DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT, DIVISION, AGENCY OR MUNICIPALITY THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED WITH;

(D) A DIGITIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PERSON THAT SHALL BE THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTOGRAPH AND SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

LBD11084-01-9

(E) A DISTINCTIVE MARK OR SYMBOL WHICH DESIGNATES THE PERSON'S SPECIAL EXPERTISE, TRAINING AND RANK, IF APPLICABLE;

(F) THE NEW YORK STATE SEAL;

(G) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THE DIRECTOR DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

3. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR DIRECTING THE RETURN OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS WHEN A PERSON'S EMPLOYMENT OR ASSOCIATION WITH THE TOWN, VILLAGE, CITY, COUNTY, DEPARTMENT, DISTRICT, DIVISION, AGENCY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR WHICH THEY VOLUNTEER WITH OR WORK FOR HAS ENDED AND FOR PLACING AN ALERT IN THE DATABASE WHERE A CARD HAS BEEN LOST OR STOLEN AND ANY ACTION THE DIRECTOR DEEMS NECESSARY UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE DATABASE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, ISSUE UNIFORM IDENTIFICATION CARDS, ENSURE THAT DIGITIZED PHOTOGRAPHS ARE RECENT AND ESTABLISH PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES TO SUPPLEMENT SUCH SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY. THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSULT AND COMPLY WITH ANY FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.