STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

November 21, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to fees for non-driver identification cards

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 491 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 2 of part Q of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3. Waiver of fee. The commissioner [~~may~~] **shall** waive the payment of fees required by subdivision two of this section if the applicant [~~is~~]**:**

(a) **is** an incarcerated individual in an institution or correctional facility under the jurisdiction of a state department or agency[~~, or~~]**;**

(b) **is** a victim of a crime and the identification card applied for is a replacement for one that was lost or destroyed as a result of the crime**; or**

(c) has an income which is below two hundred percent of the federal poverty line. Such income shall be proven by providing one of the following:

(i) a filed federal or state tax return from the previous year;

(ii) a letter from an employer documenting the dates of work of the applicant and the yearly pay from the employer;

(iii) a W-2 annual wage statement or a federal tax form 1099 from the previous tax year; or

(iv) a wage notice provided pursuant to section one hundred ninety-five of the labor law that documents employment for a period of time within six months prior to the date the applicant certifies that they became eligible.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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