

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 16, 2026

Introduced by Sen. GONZALEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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