



HOUSE BILL 1033: ID Card Fee Waiver/Disability.

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 1033 would add persons who have developmental disabilities to the list of persons for whom the \$13.00 application fee to obtain a special identification card is waived.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-37.7 governs the issuance of special identification cards. Any person who is a resident of North Carolina is eligible for a special identification card and, unless an exemption applies pursuant to 20-37.7(d), a person must pay an application fee of thirteen dollars (\$13.00). The current list of exemptions require the applicant to be one of the following:

- Blind;
- At least 70 years old;
- Physically or mentally disabled, which caused a cancellation of the applicant's driver's license;
- Homeless;
- Registered to vote in North Carolina with no acceptable photo identification;
- Attempting to register to vote in North Carolina with no acceptable photo identification.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1033 would add another exemption from the special identification card application fee for those who can demonstrate via a primary care provider's letter to the Division of Motor Vehicles that they have a developmental disability. The term "developmental disability" is defined under G.S. 122C-3(12a) to mean a severe, chronic disability of a person that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the person attains age 22, unless the disability is caused by a traumatic head injury and is manifested after age 22;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, receptive and expressive language, capacity for independent living, learning, mobility, self-direction and economic self-sufficiency; and
- Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of a lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; or
- When applied to children from birth through four years of age, may be evidenced as a developmental delay.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective October 1, 2016 and apply to special identification cards issued on or after that date.

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