

HOUSE BILL 167: Community Action ID Card Restrictions.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 167 would designate Community Action IDs as unacceptable identification to present to local governments, law enforcement agencies, and courtroom personnel.

CURRENT LAW: Consular documents such as a "matricula consular" and similar documents from foreign governments are statutorily designated as unacceptable identification. Identity documents created by parties other than the State are also unacceptable unless expressly authorized by the General Assembly. Passports are not statutorily designated as unacceptable for identification.

When a document is unacceptable as identification, judges, justices, magistrates, law enforcement officers, and other government officials are directed not to accept them. Local governments and law enforcement agencies are restricted from adopting policies or procedures that would lead to the acceptance of these documents.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would specify that Community Action IDs are unacceptable identification documents.

Community Action IDs are non-governmental forms of identification. They were created by the Greensboro-based organization Faith Action International House in 2014 and are issued by local organizations.

The bill would direct judges, justices, magistrates, law enforcement officers, and other government officials not to accept Community Action IDs. Local governments and law enforcement agencies would be restricted from adopting policies or procedures that would lead to their acceptance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: Community Action IDs display the person's photograph, name, and date of birth. They contain ID numbers and expiration dates.

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