

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 216

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to offenders; providing for extension of certain driver licenses; providing for certain eligibility; requiring the Department of Corrections to provide certain assistance; providing for certain agreement and issuance of provisional license; providing certain criteria for provisional license eligibility; authorizing rule promulgation; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 513.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 513.3), which relates to the Sarah Stitt Act; updating statutory reference; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-205.3 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person:

1. Who has been convicted of an offense other than an offense requiring mandatory revocation of the individual's driver license, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-205 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1           2. Who held a valid, unexpired Oklahoma driver license upon  
2 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections which  
3 expired during the person's term of imprisonment or within six (6)  
4 months after the person is discharged from incarceration,  
5 shall have the expiration date of his or her driver license extended  
6 for a period of six (6) months after he or she is released from the  
7 custody of the Department of Corrections. This subsection shall not  
8 be construed to confer driving privileges to an individual in any  
9 jurisdiction other than this state.

10           B. Prior to the expiration of the six-month period, the person  
11 shall be eligible to enter into an agreement with Service Oklahoma  
12 for issuance of a provisional license as provided for in subsection  
13 D of Section 6-212 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided,  
14 the Department of Corrections shall provide the person with relevant  
15 documentation to assist in obtaining a provisional license before  
16 being released from custody. Payment on any outstanding fees and  
17 fines shall not be required during the six-month period to be  
18 eligible for a provisional license. Upon the expiration of the six-  
19 month period, the person shall pay a minimum of Twenty-Five Dollars  
20 (\$25.00) per month toward the satisfaction of outstanding fees and  
21 fines including, but not limited to, provisional license fees,  
22 warrant fees, court costs or fees, or driver license or commercial  
23 driver license reinstatement fees. Service Oklahoma may suspend or  
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1 revoke a provisional license if the person fails to honor the  
2 payment plan.

3 C. Service Oklahoma and the Department of Corrections are  
4 authorized to promulgate rules and procedures to implement the  
5 provisions of this section.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 513.3, as  
7 amended by Section 1, Chapter 64, O.S.L. 2022 (57 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
8 Section 513.3), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 513.3. A. When any inmate shall be discharged from an  
10 institution of the Department of Corrections and the intended  
11 residence designated by the inmate is within this state, the  
12 Department of Corrections shall provide the inmate with relevant  
13 documentation to assist the inmate in obtaining post-release  
14 employment and shall coordinate with ~~the Department of Public Safety~~  
15 Service Oklahoma to provide a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification  
16 Card if the inmate does not have a current state-issued  
17 identification card or driver license.

18 B. 1. Within nine (9) months prior to the release of an inmate  
19 from custody, the Department of Corrections shall identify whether  
20 the inmate has a current form of state identification and begin the  
21 process of gathering the documentation required for the issuance of  
22 a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card pursuant to Section 6-  
23 105.3 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. If an inmate has any  
24 valid form of a state-issued identification card or driver license,

1 the inmate may avail himself or herself of the provisions of this  
2 section.

3 2. The Department of Corrections may utilize any funds  
4 available to cover the costs associated with the implementation and  
5 administration of this section and the purchase of REAL ID  
6 Noncompliant Identification Cards, including, but not limited to,  
7 inmate trust funds, existing funds of the Department of Corrections,  
8 and donations.

9 3. The provisions of this section shall apply only to inmates  
10 who may receive a state-issued identification card pursuant to  
11 Section 1550.42 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 C. For purposes of assisting an inmate in obtaining post-  
13 release employment, the Department of Corrections shall provide the  
14 inmate with the following documentation:

- 15 1. A copy of the vocational training record of the inmate, if  
16 applicable;
- 17 2. A copy of the work record of the inmate, if applicable;
- 18 3. A certified copy of the birth certificate of the inmate, if  
19 obtainable;
- 20 4. A Social Security card or a replacement Social Security card  
21 of the inmate, if obtainable;
- 22 5. A resume that includes any trade learned by the inmate and  
23 the proficiency at that trade by the inmate; and

1           6. Documentation that the inmate has completed a practice job  
2 interview.

3           In addition, the Department shall notify the inmate if he or she  
4 is eligible to apply for a license from a state entity charged with  
5 oversight of an occupational license or certification.

6           D. The following categories of inmates are not required to  
7 complete resumes or practice job interviews prior to their release  
8 from incarceration:

9           1. Inmates sixty-five (65) years of age or older;

10           2. Inmates releasing to medical parole or discharging from a  
11 prison infirmary setting;

12           3. Inmates releasing from a Department of Corrections Mental  
13 Health Unit;

14           4. Inmates releasing to the custody of another jurisdiction on  
15 a warrant or detainer;

16           5. Inmates returning to community supervision from an  
17 intermediate revocation facility; and

18           6. Inmates that the Department determines would be physically  
19 or mentally unable to return to the workforce upon release from  
20 incarceration.

21           E. The Department of Corrections is authorized to promulgate  
22 rules and procedures to implement the provisions of this section.

23           SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

1           SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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