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May 3, 2019

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319


Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

House File 643, an Act relating to driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards marked to reflect deaf or heard-of-hearing status.

The above House File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,



Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa



House File 643

AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES AND NONOPERATOR'S IDENTIFICATION  
CARDS MARKED TO REFLECT DEAF OR HARD-OF-HEARING STATUS.


BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:


Section 1. Section 321.189, Code 2019, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 9. *Deaf or hard-of-hearing status.* A licensee who is a deaf person or a hard-of-hearing person, as those terms are defined in section 622B.1, may request that the license be marked to reflect the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing status on the face of the license when the licensee applies for the issuance or renewal of a license. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A establishing criteria under which a license may be marked, including requiring the licensee to submit medical proof of the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing status. When a driver's license is so marked, the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing status shall be noted in the electronic database used by the department and law enforcement to access registration, titling, and driver's license information. The department, in consultation with the commission of deaf services, shall develop educational media to raise awareness of a licensee's ability to request the license be marked to reflect the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing status.

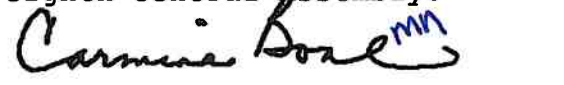
Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2019, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who is a deaf person or a hard-of-hearing person, as those terms are defined in section 622B.1, may request that the card be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status on the face of the card when the applicant applies for the issuance or renewal of a card. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A establishing criteria under which a card may be marked, including requiring the applicant to submit medical proof of the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status. The department, in consultation with the commission of deaf services, shall develop educational media to raise awareness of an applicant's ability to request the card be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing status.

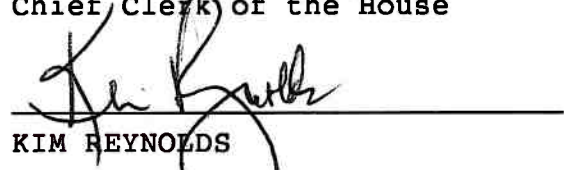
  
LINDA UPMEYER  
Speaker of the House

  
CHARLES SCHNEIDER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 643, Eighty-eighth General Assembly.

  
CARMINE BOAL  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor