

SENATE BILL NO. 345

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Barker)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-342, 46.2-345, 46.2-345.2, and 46.2-345.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Motor Vehicles documents; blood type.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-342, 46.2-345, 46.2-345.2, and 46.2-345.3 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-342. What license to contain; organ donor information; Uniform Donor Document.

A. Every license issued under this chapter shall bear:

- 1. For licenses issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2003, a license number which shall be assigned by the Department to the licensee and shall not be the same as the licensee's social security number;
- 2. A photograph of the licensee;
- 3. The licensee's full name, year, month, and date of birth;
- 4. The licensee's address, subject to the provisions of subsection B;
- 5. A brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification;
- 6. A space for the signature of the licensee; and
- 7. Any other information deemed necessary by the Commissioner for the administration of this title.

No abbreviated names or nicknames shall be shown on any license.

B. At the option of the licensee, the address shown on the license may be either the post office box, business, or residence address of the licensee, provided such address is located in Virginia. However, regardless of which address is shown on the license, the licensee shall supply the Department with his residence address, which shall be an address in Virginia. This residence address shall be maintained in the

27 Department's records. Whenever the licensee's address shown either on his license or in the Department's
28 records changes, he shall notify the Department of such change as required by § 46.2-324.

29 C. The Department may contract with the United States Postal Service or an authorized agent to
30 use the National Change of Address System for the purpose of obtaining current address information for
31 a person whose name appears in customer records maintained by the Department. If the Department
32 receives information from the National Change of Address System indicating that a person whose name
33 appears in a Department record has submitted a permanent change of address to the Postal Service, the
34 Department may then update its records with the mailing address obtained from the National Change of
35 Address System.

36 D. The license shall be made of a material and in a form to be determined by the Commissioner.

37 E. Licenses issued to persons less than 21 years old shall be immediately and readily
38 distinguishable from those issued to persons 21 years old or older. Distinguishing characteristics shall
39 include unique design elements of the document and descriptors within the photograph area to identify
40 persons who are at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old. These descriptors shall include the month,
41 day, and year when the person will become 21 years old.

42 F. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for a driver's license or an
43 identification card may indicate his consent to make an anatomical gift for transplantation, therapy,
44 research, and education pursuant to § 32.1-291.5, and shall cooperate with the Virginia Transplant Council
45 to ensure that such method is designed to encourage organ, tissue, and eye donation with a minimum of
46 effort on the part of the donor and the Department.

47 G. If an applicant indicates his consent to be a donor pursuant to subsection F, the Department
48 may make a notation of this designation on his license or card and shall make a notation of this designation
49 in his driver record. The notation shall remain on the individual's license or card until he revokes his
50 consent to make an anatomical gift by requesting removal of the notation from his license or card or
51 otherwise in accordance with § 32.1-291.6. Inclusion of a notation indicating consent to making an organ
52 donation on an applicant's license or card pursuant to this subsection shall be sufficient legal authority for

53 removal, following death, of the subject's organs or tissues without additional authority from the donor or
54 his family or estate, in accordance with the provisions of § 32.1-291.8.

55 H. A minor may make a donor designation pursuant to subsection F without the consent of a parent
56 or legal guardian as authorized by the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (§ 32.1-291.1 et seq.).

57 I. The Department shall provide a method by which an applicant conducting a Department of
58 Motor Vehicles transaction using electronic means may make a voluntary contribution to the Virginia
59 Donor Registry and Public Awareness Fund (Fund) established pursuant to § 32.1-297.1. The Department
60 shall inform the applicant of the existence of the Fund and also that contributing to the Fund is voluntary.

61 J. The Department shall collect all moneys contributed pursuant to subsection I and transmit the
62 moneys on a regular basis to the Virginia Transplant Council, which shall credit the contributions to the
63 Fund.

64 K. When requested by the applicant, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed
65 physician confirming the applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's driver's
66 license that the applicant (i) is an insulin-dependent diabetic, (ii) is deaf or hard of hearing or speech
67 impaired, (iii) has a traumatic brain injury, or (iv) has an intellectual disability, as defined in § 37.2-100,
68 or autism spectrum disorder, as defined in § 38.2-3418.17. Any request for a traumatic brain injury
69 indicator on an applicant's driver's license shall be accompanied by a form prescribed by the Commissioner
70 and completed by a licensed physician.

71 L. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Department and its employees
72 shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability in connection with the making of or failure to make a
73 notation of donor designation on any license or card or in any person's driver record.

74 M. The Department shall, in coordination with the Virginia Transplant Council, prepare an organ
75 donor information brochure describing the organ donor program and providing instructions for completion
76 of the uniform donor document information describing the bone marrow donation program and
77 instructions for registration in the National Bone Marrow Registry. The Department shall include a copy
78 of such brochure with every driver's license renewal notice or application mailed to licensed drivers in
79 Virginia.

80 N. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for an original, reissued, or
81 renewed driver's license may indicate his blood type. If the applicant chooses to indicate his blood type,
82 the Department shall make a notation of this designation on his license and in his record. Such notation
83 on the driver's license shall only be used by emergency medical services agencies in providing emergency
84 medical support. Upon written request of the license holder or his legal guardian to have the designation
85 removed, the Department shall issue the driver's license without such designation upon the payment of
86 applicable fees.

87 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall not disclose any data collected
88 pursuant to this subsection except to the subject of the information and by designation on the driver's
89 license. Nothing herein shall require the Department to verify any information provided for the
90 designation. No action taken by any person, whether private citizen or public officer or employee, with
91 regard to any blood type designation displayed on a driver's license, shall create a warranty of the
92 reliability or accuracy of the document or electronic image, nor shall it create any liability on the part of
93 the Commonwealth or of any department, office, or agency or of any officer, employee, or agent thereof.

94 **§ 46.2-345. Issuance of special identification cards; fee; confidentiality; penalties.**

95 A. On the application of any person who is a resident of the Commonwealth, the parent of any
96 such person who is under the age of 18, or the legal guardian of any such person, the Department shall
97 issue a special identification card to the person, provided that:

98 1. Application is made on a form prescribed by the Department and includes the applicant's full
99 legal name; year, month, and date of birth; social security number; sex; and residence address. Applicants
100 shall be permitted to choose between "male," "female," or "non-binary" when designating the applicant's
101 sex on the application form;

102 2. The applicant presents, when required by the Department, proof of identity, legal presence,
103 residency, and social security number or non-work authorized status;

104 3. The Department is satisfied that the applicant needs an identification card or the applicant shows
105 he has a bona fide need for such a card; and

106 4. The applicant does not hold a driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary driver's
107 permit, learner's permit, motorcycle learner's permit, or special identification card without a photograph.

108 Persons 70 years of age or older may exchange a valid Virginia driver's license for a special
109 identification card at no fee. Special identification cards subsequently issued to such persons shall be
110 subject to the regular fees for special identification cards.

111 B. The fee for the issuance of an original, duplicate, reissue, or renewal special identification card
112 is \$2 per year, with a \$10 minimum fee. Persons 21 years old or older may be issued a scenic special
113 identification card for an additional fee of \$5.

114 C. Every special identification card shall expire on the applicant's birthday at the end of the period
115 of years for which a special identification card has been issued. At no time shall any special identification
116 card be issued for less than three nor more than eight years, except under the provisions of subsection B
117 of § 46.2-328.1 and except that those cards issued to children under the age of 15 shall expire on the child's
118 sixteenth birthday. Notwithstanding these limitations, the Commissioner may extend the validity period
119 of an expiring card if (i) the Department is unable to process an application for renewal due to
120 circumstances beyond its control, (ii) the extension has been authorized under a directive from the
121 Governor, and (iii) the card was not issued as a temporary special identification card under the provisions
122 of subsection B of § 46.2-328.1. However, in no event shall the validity period be extended more than 90
123 days per occurrence of such conditions. Any special identification card issued to a person required to
124 register pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1 shall expire on the applicant's birthday in
125 years which the applicant attains an age equally divisible by five. For each person required to register
126 pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 9.1, the Department may not waive the requirement that each such person
127 shall appear for each renewal or the requirement to obtain a photograph in accordance with subsection C
128 of § 46.2-323.

129 D. A special identification card issued under this section may be similar in size, shape, and design
130 to a driver's license, and include a photograph of its holder, but the card shall be readily distinguishable
131 from a driver's license and shall clearly state that it does not authorize the person to whom it is issued to
132 drive a motor vehicle. Every applicant for a special identification card shall appear in person before the

133 Department to apply for a renewal, duplicate or reissue unless specifically permitted by the Department
134 to apply in another manner.

135 E. Special identification cards, for persons at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old, shall be
136 immediately and readily distinguishable from those issued to persons 21 years old or older. Distinguishing
137 characteristics shall include unique design elements of the document and descriptors within the
138 photograph area to identify persons who are at least 15 years old but less than 21 years old. These
139 descriptors shall include the month, day, and year when the person will become 21 years old.

140 F. Special identification cards for persons under age 15 shall bear a full face photograph. The
141 special identification card issued to persons under age 15 shall be readily distinguishable from a driver's
142 license and from other special identification cards issued by the Department. Such cards shall clearly
143 indicate that it does not authorize the person to whom it is issued to drive a motor vehicle.

144 G. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a valid Virginia driver's license shall be surrendered upon
145 application for a special identification card without the applicant's having to present proof of legal
146 presence as required by § 46.2-328.1 if the Virginia driver's license is unexpired and it has not been
147 revoked, suspended, or cancelled. The special identification card shall be considered a reissue and the
148 expiration date shall be the last day of the month of the surrendered driver's license's month of expiration.

149 H. Any personal information, as identified in § 2.2-3801, which is retained by the Department
150 from an application for the issuance of a special identification card is confidential and shall not be divulged
151 to any person, association, corporation, or organization, public or private, except to the legal guardian or
152 the attorney of the applicant or to a person, association, corporation, or organization nominated in writing
153 by the applicant, his legal guardian, or his attorney. This subsection shall not prevent the Department from
154 furnishing the application or any information thereon to any law-enforcement agency.

155 I. Any person who uses a false or fictitious name or gives a false or fictitious address in any
156 application for an identification card or knowingly makes a false statement or conceals a material fact or
157 otherwise commits a fraud in any such application shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However,
158 where the name or address is given, or false statement is made, or fact is concealed, or fraud committed,

159 with the intent to purchase a firearm or where the identification card is obtained for the purpose of
160 committing any offense punishable as a felony, a violation of this section shall constitute a Class 4 felony.

161 J. The Department shall utilize the various communications media throughout the Commonwealth
162 to inform Virginia residents of the provisions of this section and to promote and encourage the public to
163 take advantage of its provisions.

164 K. The Department shall electronically transmit application information to the Department of State
165 Police, in a format approved by the State Police, for comparison with information contained in the Virginia
166 Criminal Information Network and National Crime Information Center Convicted Sexual Offender
167 Registry Files, at the time of issuance of a special identification card. Whenever it appears from the records
168 of the State Police that a person has failed to comply with the duty to register, reregister, or verify his
169 registration information pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1, the State Police shall
170 promptly investigate and, if there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred, obtain a warrant
171 or assist in obtaining an indictment charging a violation of § 18.2-472.1 in the jurisdiction in which the
172 person made application for the special identification card.

173 L. When requested by the applicant, the applicant's parent if the applicant is a minor, or the
174 applicant's guardian, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the
175 applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's special identification card that the
176 applicant has any condition listed in subsection K of § 46.2-342 or that the applicant is blind or vision
177 impaired.

178 M. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for an original, reissued, or
179 renewed special identification card may indicate his blood type. If the applicant chooses to indicate his
180 blood type, the Department shall make a notation of this designation on his special identification card and
181 in his record. Such notation on the special identification card shall only be used by emergency medical
182 services agencies in providing emergency medical support. Upon written request of the license holder or
183 his legal guardian to have the designation removed, the Department shall issue the special identification
184 card without such designation upon the payment of applicable fees.

185 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall not disclose any data collected
186 pursuant to this subsection except to the subject of the information and by designation on the special
187 identification card. Nothing herein shall require the Department to verify any information provided for the
188 designation. No action taken by any person, whether private citizen or public officer or employee, with
189 regard to any blood type designation displayed on a special identification card, shall create a warranty of
190 the reliability or accuracy of the document or electronic image, nor shall it create any liability on the part
191 of the Commonwealth or of any department, office, or agency or of any officer, employee, or agent thereof.

192 **§ 46.2-345.2. Issuance of special identification cards without photographs; fee;**
193 **confidentiality; penalties.**

194 A. On the application of any person with a sincerely held religious belief prohibiting the taking of
195 a photograph who is a resident of the Commonwealth and who is at least 15 years of age, the Department
196 shall issue a special identification card without a photograph to the person, provided that:

197 1. Application is made on a form prescribed by the Department and includes the applicant's full
198 legal name; year, month, and date of birth; social security number; sex; and residence address. Applicants
199 shall be permitted to choose between "male," "female," or "non-binary" when designating the applicant's
200 sex on the application form;

201 2. The applicant presents, when required by the Department, proof of identity, legal presence,
202 residency, and social security number or non-work authorized status;

203 3. The applicant presents an approved and signed U.S. Department of the Treasury Internal
204 Revenue Service (IRS) Form 4029 or if such applicant is a minor, the applicant's parent or legal guardian
205 presents an approved and signed IRS Form 4029; and

206 4. The applicant does not hold a driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary driver's
207 permit, learner's permit, motorcycle learner's permit, or special identification card.

208 B. The fee for the issuance of an original, duplicate, or reissue special identification card without
209 a photograph is \$10 per year, with a \$20 minimum fee.

210 C. Every special identification card without a photograph shall expire on the applicant's birthday
211 at the end of the period of years for which a special identification card without a photograph has been

212 issued. At no time shall any special identification card without a photograph be issued for more than eight
213 years. Notwithstanding these limitations, the Commissioner may extend the validity period of an expiring
214 card if (i) the Department is unable to process an application for re-issue due to circumstances beyond its
215 control or (ii) the extension has been authorized under a directive from the Governor. However, in no
216 event shall the validity period be extended more than 90 days per occurrence of such conditions.

217 D. A special identification card without a photograph issued under this section may be similar in
218 size, shape, and design to a driver's license and shall not include a photograph of its holder. The card shall
219 be readily distinguishable from a driver's license and shall clearly state that federal limits apply, that the
220 card is not valid identification to vote, and that the card does not authorize the person to whom it is issued
221 to drive a motor vehicle. Every applicant for a special identification card without a photograph shall appear
222 in person before the Department to apply for a duplicate or reissue unless specifically permitted by the
223 Department to apply in another manner.

224 E. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a valid Virginia driver's license or special identification
225 card shall be surrendered for a special identification card without a photograph without the applicant's
226 having to present proof of legal presence as required by § 46.2-328.1 if the Virginia driver's license or
227 special identification card is unexpired and has not been revoked, suspended, or canceled. The special
228 identification card without a photograph shall be considered a reissue, and the expiration date shall be the
229 last day of the month of the surrendered driver's license's or special identification card's month of
230 expiration.

231 F. Any personal information, as identified in § 2.2-3801, that is retained by the Department from
232 an application for the issuance of a special identification card without a photograph is confidential and
233 shall not be divulged to any person, association, corporation, or organization, public or private, except to
234 the legal guardian or the attorney of the applicant or to a person, association, corporation, or organization
235 nominated in writing by the applicant, his legal guardian, or his attorney. This subsection shall not prevent
236 the Department from furnishing the application or any information thereon to any law-enforcement
237 agency.

238 G. Any person who uses a false or fictitious name or gives a false or fictitious address in any
239 application for a special identification card without a photograph or knowingly makes a false statement or
240 conceals a material fact or otherwise commits a fraud in any such application is guilty of a Class 2
241 misdemeanor. However, where the special identification card without a photograph is obtained for the
242 purpose of committing any offense punishable as a felony, a violation of this section shall constitute a
243 Class 4 felony.

244 H. When requested by the applicant, the applicant's parent if the applicant is a minor, or the
245 applicant's guardian, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the
246 applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's special identification card without
247 a photograph that the applicant has any condition listed in subsection K of § 46.2-342.

248 I. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for an original, reissued, or
249 renewed special identification card without a photograph may indicate his blood type. If the applicant
250 chooses to indicate his blood type, the Department shall make a notation of this designation on his special
251 identification card without a photograph and in his record. Such notation on the special identification card
252 without a photograph shall only be used by emergency medical services agencies in providing emergency
253 medical support. Upon written request of the license holder or his legal guardian to have the designation
254 removed, the Department shall issue the special identification card without a photograph without such
255 designation upon the payment of applicable fees.

256 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall not disclose any data collected
257 pursuant to this subsection except to the subject of the information and by designation on the special
258 identification card without a photograph. Nothing herein shall require the Department to verify any
259 information provided for the designation. No action taken by any person, whether private citizen or public
260 officer or employee, with regard to any blood type designation displayed on a special identification card
261 without a photograph, shall create a warranty of the reliability or accuracy of the document or electronic
262 image, nor shall it create any liability on the part of the Commonwealth or of any department, office, or
263 agency or of any officer, employee, or agent thereof.

264 J. Unless the Code specifies that a photograph is required, a special identification card without a
265 photograph shall be treated as a special identification card.

266 **§ 46.2-345.3. Issuance of identification privilege cards; fee; confidentiality; penalties.**

267 A. Upon application of any person who does not hold a status that is eligible for a special
268 identification card under subsections A and B of § 46.2-328.1, the parent of any such person who is under
269 the age of 18, or the legal guardian of any such person, the Department may issue an identification
270 privilege card to any resident of the Commonwealth, provided that:

271 1. Application is made on a form prescribed by the Department;

272 2. The applicant presents, when required by the Department, proof of identity, residency, and social
273 security number or individual taxpayer identification number;

274 3. The Department determines that the applicant has reported income and deductions from Virginia
275 sources, as defined in § 58.1-302, or has been claimed as a dependent, on an individual income tax return
276 filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months; and

277 4. The applicant does not hold a credential issued under this chapter.

278 Persons 70 years of age or older may exchange a valid Virginia driver privilege card for an
279 identification privilege card at no fee. Identification privilege cards subsequently issued to such persons
280 shall be subject to the regular fees for identification privilege cards.

281 B. The fee for the issuance of an original, duplicate, reissue, or renewal identification privilege
282 card is \$25. The amount paid by an applicant for an identification privilege card shall be considered
283 privileged information for the purposes of § 46.2-208.

284 C. An original identification privilege card shall expire on the applicant's fourth birthday following
285 the date of issuance. Duplicate, reissue, or renewal identification privilege cards shall be valid for a period
286 of four years from the date of issuance. No applicant shall be required to provide proof of compliance with
287 subdivision A 3 for a duplicate, reissue, or renewal identification privilege card. Those cards issued to
288 children under the age of 15 shall expire on the child's sixteenth birthday.

289 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the Commissioner may extend the validity
290 period of an expiring card if (i) the Department is unable to process an application for renewal due to

291 circumstances beyond its control and (ii) the extension has been authorized under a directive from the
292 Governor. However, in no event shall the validity period be extended more than 90 days per occurrence
293 of such conditions.

294 D. An identification privilege card issued under this section may be similar in size, shape, and
295 design to a driving credential and include a photograph of its holder, but the card shall be readily
296 distinguishable from a driving credential and shall clearly state that it does not authorize the person to
297 whom it is issued to drive a motor vehicle. Every applicant for an identification privilege card shall appear
298 in person before the Department to apply for a renewal, duplicate, or reissue unless specifically permitted
299 by the Department to apply in another manner. The front of an identification privilege card shall be
300 identical in appearance to a special identification card issued under § 46.2-345, and the back of the card
301 shall be identical in appearance to the restriction on the back of a limited-duration special identification
302 card.

303 E. Identification privilege cards, for persons at least 15 years old but younger than 21 years old,
304 shall be immediately and readily distinguishable from those issued to persons 21 years old or older.
305 Distinguishing characteristics shall include unique design elements of the credential and descriptors within
306 the photograph area to identify persons who are at least 15 years old but younger than 21 years old. These
307 descriptors shall include the month, day, and year when the person will become 21 years old.

308 F. Identification privilege cards for persons under age 15 shall bear a full-face photograph. The
309 identification card issued to persons under age 15 shall be readily distinguishable from a driving credential
310 and from other identification cards issued by the Department. Such cards shall clearly indicate that it does
311 not authorize the person to whom it is issued to drive a motor vehicle.

312 G. Any information collected pursuant to this section that is not otherwise collected by the
313 Department or required for the issuance of any other special identification card issued pursuant to the
314 provisions of this chapter and any information regarding restrictions in the Department's records related
315 to the issuance of a credential issued pursuant to this section shall be considered privileged.
316 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-208, such information shall not be released except upon request
317 by the subject of the information, the parent of a minor who is the subject of the information, the guardian

318 of the subject of the information, or the authorized representative of the subject of the information or
319 pursuant to a court order.

320 The Department shall release to any federal, state, or local governmental entity, local government
321 group self-insurance pool, law-enforcement officer, attorney for the Commonwealth, or court, or the
322 authorized agent of any of the foregoing, information related to the issuance of an identification privilege
323 card, the release of which is not otherwise prohibited by this section, that is required for a requester to
324 carry out the requester's official functions if the requester provides the individual's name and other
325 sufficient identifying information contained on the individual's record. Any such release shall be in
326 accordance with the requirements of § 46.2-208.

327 H. Any person who uses a false or fictitious name or gives a false or fictitious address in any
328 application for an identification privilege card or knowingly makes a false statement or conceals a material
329 fact or otherwise commits a fraud in any such application is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However,
330 where the name or address is given, or false statement is made, or fact is concealed, or fraud committed,
331 for the purpose of committing any offense punishable as a felony, a violation of this section shall constitute
332 a Class 4 felony.

333 I. When requested by the applicant, the applicant's parent if the applicant is a minor, or the
334 applicant's guardian, and upon presentation of a signed statement by a licensed physician confirming the
335 applicant's condition, the Department shall indicate on the applicant's identification privilege card that the
336 applicant has any condition listed in subsection K of § 46.2-342 or that the applicant is blind or vision
337 impaired.

338 J. The Department shall establish a method by which an applicant for an original, reissued, or
339 renewed identification privilege card may indicate his blood type. If the applicant chooses to indicate his
340 blood type, the Department shall make a notation of this designation on his identification privilege card
341 and in his record. Such notation on the special identification card shall only be used by emergency medical
342 services agencies in providing emergency medical support. Upon written request of the license holder or
343 his legal guardian to have the designation removed, the Department shall issue the identification privilege
344 card without such designation upon the payment of applicable fees.

345 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department shall not disclose any data collected
346 pursuant to this subsection except to the subject of the information and by designation on the identification
347 privilege card. Nothing herein shall require the Department to verify any information provided for the
348 designation. No action taken by any person, whether private citizen or public officer or employee, with
349 regard to any blood type designation displayed on an identification privilege card, shall create a warranty
350 of the reliability or accuracy of the document or electronic image, nor shall it create any liability on the
351 part of the Commonwealth or of any department, office, or agency or of any officer, employee, or agent
352 thereof.

353 K. Unless the context of the Code provides otherwise, an identification privilege card shall be
354 treated as a special identification card.

355 **2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2023.**

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