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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 397**

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**Introduced by Senator Hueso**  
**(~~Coauthor: Senator~~ *Coauthors: Senators Block and Lara*)**

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An act to add Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 15400) to Division 6 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 397, as amended, Hueso. Vehicles: enhanced driver's license.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon proper application, to issue driver's licenses and identification cards.

The federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative facilitates travel within the western hemisphere by authorizing the use of enhanced driver's licenses and identification cards meeting specified requirements as travel documents.

This bill would authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a federal agency for the purpose of facilitating travels within the western hemisphere pursuant to the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative through the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or identification card. The bill would authorize the department to issue or renew, upon request, an enhanced driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or identification card for specified persons. The bill would require a person applying for the initial issuance or renewal of an enhanced driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or

identification card to submit, under the penalty of perjury, additional proof of identity, residency, and citizenship that satisfies the requirements of the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. Because the knowledge of the submission of fraudulent information is a crime, the bill would create a new crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would, except as specified, prohibit the disclosure of information submitted to the department. Because a violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would prohibit an employer from requiring an employee to apply for, or use, an enhanced driver's license or identification card as a condition of employment or to discriminate or otherwise retaliate against an employee who refuses to apply for, or use, an enhanced driver's license or identification card. Because a violation of this provision would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The bill would also require the department to submit an annual report to specified committees of the Legislature on the implementation of the enhanced driver's license and identification card. The bill would require a person applying for an enhanced driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or identification card to submit an additional application fee. The bill would require the department to set, by regulation, the application fee in an amount not to exceed the reasonable regulatory cost of issuing or renewing the license, permit, or *identification* card, or \$55, whichever is less. The bill would establish the Enhanced Driver's License and Identification Card Subaccount in the Motor Vehicle Account and would require the additional fee to be deposited into the subaccount. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the moneys in the subaccount to be expended by the department in implementing the above provisions.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) Each year, more than 45 million personal vehicle passengers  
4 and 15 million pedestrians enter the state from Mexico.

5 (b) Border crossers have an economic impact on the state,  
6 accounting annually for \$4.05 billion in economic benefits and  
7 67,000 jobs.

8 (c) Border wait times during peak hours average 120 minutes  
9 on weekdays and even longer on weekends.

10 (d) More than eight million trips are lost due to congestion each  
11 year in the San Ysidro Port of Entry, the busiest port of entry in  
12 the world.

13 (e) In the San Diego region alone, this translates into a revenue  
14 loss of nearly \$1.03 billion, three million potential working hours,  
15 35,000 jobs, and \$42 million in wages.

16 (f) It is estimated that border wait times will significantly  
17 increase in the future and an additional 15 minutes in border wait  
18 times will affect productivity in the binational border region by  
19 an additional \$1 billion in costs and a loss of 134,000 jobs.

20 (g) Because border wait times impede international travel, trade,  
21 and commerce, the Legislature must act to protect California's  
22 jobs and economy.

23 (h) After the 9/11 attacks, the federal government enacted the  
24 federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)(Public Law  
25 110-53 and Public Law 108-458), to facilitate entry for United  
26 States citizens and legitimate foreign visitors, while strengthening  
27 United States border security, by requiring United States and  
28 Canadian travelers to present a passport or other documents that  
29 denote identity and citizenship when entering the United States.  
30 The documentation requirements of the WHTI went into effect in  
31 2007 for air travel into the United States and in 2009 for land and  
32 sea travel.

33 (i) In addition to a passport and other documents, the federal  
34 government approved, for cross-border travel, the use of an  
35 enhanced driver's license (EDL), which is a standard state-issued  
36 driver's license that has been enhanced in process, technology,  
37 and security to denote identity and citizenship for purposes of  
38 entering the United States at the land and sea ports of entry. An

1 EDL contains radio frequency identification (RFID) technology,  
2 which allows information contained in a wireless device or tag to  
3 be read from a distance, and eliminates the need to key in travelers,  
4 translating into 60 percent faster processing than manual queries.

5 (j) Another advantage of an EDL is that it can be used in Ready  
6 Lanes, which were created by the United States Customs and  
7 Border Protection and are used as primary vehicle lanes dedicated  
8 to travelers who possess RFID-enabled travel documents.

9 (k) The use of an EDL as an RFID-enabled travel document is  
10 already in place in the States of Washington, New York, Michigan,  
11 and Vermont.

12 (l) The use of EDLs in the state will open the way for the United  
13 States Customs and Border Protection to convert more vehicle  
14 lanes into Ready Lanes, which will decrease border wait times by  
15 an average of 30 minutes and thus provide a significant, long-term  
16 economic benefit to the state, while strengthening border security.

17 SEC. 2. Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 15400) is added  
18 to Division 6 of the Vehicle Code, to read:

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20 CHAPTER 8. ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION  
21 CARD

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23 15400. The department may enter into a memorandum of  
24 understanding with a federal agency for the purposes of obtaining  
25 approval for the issuance of an enhanced driver's license,  
26 instruction permit, provisional license, or identification card that  
27 is acceptable as proof of identity and citizenship pursuant to the  
28 federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (Public Law 110-53  
29 and Public Law 108-458).

30 15401. (a) Upon the request of an applicant, the department  
31 may issue an initial enhanced driver's license, instruction permit,  
32 provisional license, or identification card to, or renew the enhanced  
33 driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or  
34 identification card of, a person who satisfies all of the following:

- 35 (1) Is 16 years of age or older.
- 36 (2) Is a resident of this state.
- 37 (3) Is a citizen of the United States.

38 (b) (1) In addition to other information required pursuant to  
39 Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 12500), the applicant shall  
40 submit sufficient proof that meets the requirements of the federal

1 Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (Public Law 110-53 and  
2 Public Law 108-458) to establish his or her identity, residency,  
3 and citizenship.

4 (2) The applicant shall certify, under the penalty of perjury, that  
5 the information submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) is true and  
6 correct to the best of the knowledge of the applicant.

7 (3) The applicant shall sign a declaration acknowledging his or  
8 her understanding of radio frequency identification technology.

9 (c) The department shall include, in the enhanced driver's  
10 license, instruction permit, provisional license, or identification  
11 card, reasonable security measures, including tamper-resistant  
12 features to prevent unauthorized duplication or cloning and to  
13 protect against unauthorized disclosure of personal information  
14 regarding the person who is the subject of the license, permit, or  
15 card.

16 (d) The enhanced driver's license, instruction permit, provisional  
17 license, or identification card shall include both of the following:

18 (1) Radio frequency identification technology that will contain  
19 only a randomly assigned number that shall be encrypted if agreed  
20 to by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and  
21 shall not contain any personal data, biometric information, or  
22 number other than the randomly assigned number.

23 (2) A machine readable zone or barcode that can be  
24 electronically read by the cross border patrol and contains only as  
25 much information as is required by the federal Western Hemisphere  
26 Travel Initiative (Public Law 110-53 and Public Law ~~108-459~~  
27 *108-458*) to permit a border crossing.

28 (e) An enhanced driver's license may be suspended, revoked,  
29 or restricted pursuant to this code.

30 (f) (1) An employer shall not require an employee to apply for,  
31 or use, an enhanced driver's license or identification card as a  
32 condition of employment.

33 (2) An employer shall not discharge an employee or otherwise  
34 discriminate or retaliate against an employee who refuses to apply  
35 for, or use, an enhanced driver's license or identification card.

36 15402. (a) An applicant applying for an initial enhanced  
37 driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or  
38 identification card, or renewing an enhanced driver's license,  
39 instruction permit, provisional license, or identification card, shall

1 have his or her facial image and signature captured or reproduced  
2 by the department at the time of application or renewal.

3 (b) The facial image and signature shall only be available to the  
4 United States Customs and Border Protection database or as  
5 required by the United States Department of Homeland Security  
6 for purposes of facilitating the purpose of the federal Western  
7 Hemisphere Travel Initiative (Public Law 110-53 and Public Law  
8 108-458).

9 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the department shall  
10 not disclose the person’s facial image or signature, or copies of a  
11 digital image of any document required pursuant to this chapter.

12 (d) (1) The department shall examine and verify the  
13 genuineness, regularity, and legality of an application and proof  
14 submitted to the department for an initial issuance or renewal of  
15 an enhanced driver’s license, instruction permit, provisional license,  
16 or identification card.

17 (2) The department may require the submission of additional  
18 information to establish identity, residency, and citizenship.

19 (3) The department shall deny an application or renewal of an  
20 enhanced driver’s license, instruction permit, provisional license,  
21 or identification card if the department is not satisfied with the  
22 genuineness, regularity, and legality of the application or  
23 supporting documentation or the truth of any statement contained  
24 in the application or supporting documentation, or for any other  
25 reason authorized by law.

26 (4) An applicant may, pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with  
27 Section 14100) of Chapter 3, appeal the department’s denial of an  
28 application for the issuance or renewal of an enhanced driver’s  
29 license, instruction permit, provisional license, or identification  
30 card.

31 (e) The department shall retain copies or digital images of  
32 documents provided by the person pursuant to this chapter.

33 (f) Notwithstanding subdivision (e), and except as required by  
34 other law, in the case of the denial of an application for the issuance  
35 or renewal of an enhanced driver’s license, instruction permit,  
36 provisional license, or identification card, the department shall  
37 retain the facial image of the applicant and the reason for denial  
38 for not less than one year, unless fraud is suspected, in which case  
39 the applicant’s facial image and the reason for denial shall be  
40 retained for not less than 10 years.

1 (g) The facial image, signature, copies, and digital image of  
2 documents required pursuant to this section are exempt from public  
3 disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter  
4 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of  
5 the Government Code).

6 (h) Except as required by federal law, information submitted  
7 by an applicant pursuant to this chapter shall not be disclosed to  
8 a foreign nation.

9 15403. (a) In addition to fees required pursuant to this division,  
10 a person requesting the initial issuance or renewal of an enhanced  
11 driver's license, instruction permit, provisional license, or  
12 identification card shall submit an additional nonrefundable  
13 application fee with the application. The department shall set, by  
14 regulation, the application fee in an amount not to exceed the  
15 reasonable regulatory cost of issuing or renewing that license,  
16 permit, or identification card, *or* fifty-five dollars (\$55), whichever  
17 is less.

18 (b) Fees submitted shall be deposited into the Enhanced Driver's  
19 License and Identification Card Subaccount established pursuant  
20 to Section 15404.

21 15404. (a) There is hereby established the Enhanced Driver's  
22 License and Identification Card Subaccount in the Motor Vehicle  
23 Account. Moneys in the subaccount shall, upon appropriation by  
24 the Legislature, be expended by the department to implement this  
25 chapter.

26 (b) Moneys in the subaccount, including any interest accrued,  
27 shall remain in the subaccount at the end of each fiscal year.

28 15405. The department shall submit an annual report in  
29 compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code to the  
30 Assembly and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the Senate  
31 Committee on Transportation and Housing, and the Assembly  
32 Committee on Transportation. The report shall include, but not be  
33 limited to, information on the number of enhanced driver's licenses  
34 and identification cards issued, the effect on wait times and traffic  
35 congestion at points of entry, and whether or not there have been  
36 any security or privacy breaches related to the use of the enhanced  
37 driver's licenses and identification cards.

38 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
39 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
40 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school

1 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
2 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
3 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
4 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
5 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
6 Constitution.

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