

1981 Assembly Bill 335

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AN ACT to create 66.056 of the statutes, relating to identification cards issued by the county.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.056 of the statutes is created to read:

66.056 Proof of age. (1) **IDENTIFICATION CARD.** (a) *Form.* The attorney general shall certify to the secretary of administration a standard identification card form. There shall be provision on the card for the applicant's name, date of birth, description and address, for a picture of the applicant, for the card's issuance date and number, for the signatures of the applicant and issuing officer, and for the name, official title and county or 1st class city of the issuing officer.

(b) *Numbering.* The attorney general shall specify a numbering system to be used for identification cards which may include a code designating the county of issuance. All cards shall be numbered prior to their distribution to issuing officers and the numbers shall be recorded by the department of administration.

(c) *Processing.* The department of administration shall contract for the processing of identification cards. The cards shall be processed on material and in such manner as the department determines best avoids the possibility of duplication or forgery and shall include a facsimile of the coat of arms of the state.

(d) *Distribution.* The department of administration shall distribute blank identification forms only to issuing officers upon their request and payment of costs. Prior to distribution to an issuing officer, the department shall insert on the forms his title and county.

(e) *Use.* No issuing officer may issue any identification card except in accordance with this section. No card other than the identification card authorized under this section may be recognized as an official identification card in this state, except an identification card issued under s. 343.50 or, in lieu thereof, documentary proof under s. 66.057 (4) or 176.32 (2) (a) may be substituted.

(2) **APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF CARD.** (a) *Eligibility.* Any person at least 18 years of age may apply to the issuing officer of the county in which residing for issuance of an identification card under this section. Temporary residents of this state or residents temporarily residing in another county, may apply in their county of temporary residence. Each applicant shall submit with the application a birth or baptismal certificate or an official government passport attesting to the applicant's age, and other documents as the issuing officer requires. For foreign born applicants, the issuing officer may, in lieu of a birth or baptismal certificate or passport, accept an alien registration receipt card, certificate of naturalization or certificate of citizenship as evidence of age. If the issuing officer is satisfied in circumstances where the applicant appears to be over the age of 60 that good reason exists for the inability of the applicant to submit a birth or baptismal certificate, the officer may accept other evidence of age deemed sufficient or appropriate.

(b) *Processing.* Prior to issuing an identification card to an applicant, the issuing officer shall require that a black and white photograph of the applicant be affixed to the form and that the form bear the signatures of the applicant and the issuing officer. The issuing officer shall send the completed form to the department of administration for processing of the identification card and the department shall then return the form to the issuing officer for issuance to the applicant. The department of administration shall charge the issuing officer for costs under this paragraph.

(c) *Duplicates.* Duplicate identification cards may be issued in the same manner as are original identification cards. The applicant for a duplicate card shall sign a sworn statement that the original card has been lost or stolen and that, if the original card is recovered, the applicant will return it to the issuing office. A duplicate card shall be clearly stamped "duplicate" by the issuing officer, and the issuing officer shall notify the county sheriff of its issuance.

(d) *Fees.* A fee of \$3 shall be charged each applicant obtaining an identification card. A fee of \$5 shall be charged those applicants obtaining duplicate cards. The issuing officer shall pay the fees received under this section into the treasury of the county or municipality.

(e) *Issuing officers.* The register of deeds in each county shall be the sole issuing officer in the county, except that in cities of the 1st class the city clerk shall also act as an issuing officer.

(f) *Length of time files retained.* The issuing officer may destroy identification card applications after they have been on file for 5 years.

(3) **PENALTIES.** (a) Any person, other than one authorized by this section, who makes, alters or duplicates an official identification card under this section may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not less than 10 nor more than 30 days or both.

(b) Any minor who intentionally carries an official identification card under this section not legally issued to him or her, or a legally issued card obtained under false pretenses or a legally issued card which has been altered, changed or duplicated to convey false information may be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. A law enforcement officer shall, upon discovering a card in violation of this paragraph, confiscate the card.

(c) Any person who, in applying for an identification card, presents false information to the issuing officer may be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than 10 days or both.

SECTION 2. Program responsibilities. (1) **ADMINISTRATION.** In the list of program responsibilities for the department of administration under section 15.101 (intro.) of the statutes, reference to section "66.057 (1) and (2) (b)" is deleted and reference to section "66.056 (1) and (2) (b)" is inserted.

(32) **JUSTICE.** In the list of program responsibilities for the department of justice under section 15.251 (intro.) of the statutes, reference to section "66.057 (1)" is deleted and reference to section "66.056 (1)" is inserted.

(45) **REVENUE.** In the list of program responsibilities for the department of revenue under section 15.431 (intro.) of the statutes, reference to section "66.057 (3) to (5)" is deleted and reference to sections "66.056 (3), 66.057 (4) and (5)" is inserted.

SECTION 3. Cross-reference changes. In the sections of the statutes listed in Column A, the cross-references shown in Column B are changed to the cross-references shown in Column C:

A	B	C
Statute Sections	Old Cross-References	New Cross-References
6.28 (1)(a)	66.057 (2)(e)	66.056 (2)(e)
6.28 (3)	66.057	66.056
6.33 (1)	66.057 (2)(e)	66.056 (2)(e)
6.33 (1)	66.057	66.056
6.55 (7)(c)2	66.057	66.056
20.505 (1)(i)	66.057 (1)(d) and (2)(b)	66.056 (1)(d) and (2)(b)

SECTION 4. Effective date. This act takes effect on January 1, 1982.