

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1143****HOUSE BILL NO. 957**

**By Representatives Maggart, Lynn, Curtis Johnson, Ford, Dean, Lollar, McManus, Jim Cobb, Williams, Eldridge, Swafford, Kevin Brooks, Lundberg, Coley, West, Watson, Fincher, Sherry Jones, Harmon, Gresham, Todd, Briley, Pinion, Bass, Sontany, Armstrong, Moore, Hardaway**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1172**

**By Senators Burchett, Black, McNally, Williams, Woodson, Marrero, Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to require sexual offenders and violent sexual offenders to carry certain forms of identification.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, is amended by adding the following new section:

§ 40-39-212.

(a) Every sexual offender and violent sexual offender required to register pursuant to this part who is a resident of this state, upon obtaining a valid driver license or photo identification card issued and properly designated by the department of safety pursuant to § 55-50-353, shall always have such license or identification card in the offender's possession. If any offender is ineligible to be issued a driver license or photo identification card, the department shall provide the offender some other form of identification card or documentation that, if it is kept in the offender's possession, will satisfy the requirements of this section and § 55-50-353. If any sexual offender or violent sexual offender is determined to be indigent, an identification card or other documentation in lieu thereof shall be issued to the offender at no cost.

(b) A violation of this subsection (a) is a Class E felony punishable by a fine only of not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 55-50-353. When the department issues or renews a driver license or photo identification card to a sexual offender or violent sexual offender as required by § 40-39-212, such driver license or photo identification card shall bear a designation sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to identify the bearer of such license or card as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 21, 2008**

  
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RON RAMSEY, SPEAKER  
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**APPROVED this 13th day of June 2008**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR