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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 672**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer**

February 25, 2015

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An act to amend Section 3007.05 of the Penal Code, *and to add Section 14903 to the Vehicle Code*, relating to inmates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 672, as amended, Jones-Sawyer. Inmates: wrongful convictions: assistance upon release.

Existing law requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that all eligible inmates released from the state prison have valid identification cards. Existing law establishes certain criteria to be met in order for an inmate to be considered “eligible” for these purposes.

This bill would ~~provide that those criteria are not applicable to a person who was wrongfully convicted and released from prison. The bill would~~ require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assist a person who was wrongfully convicted with ~~obtaining an identification card upon release from prison. The bill would also require the department to provide~~ transitional services to that person, to include services, including housing assistance, job training, and mental health services, as applicable. The extent of the services would be determined by the department and would be provided for a period of not less than 6 months and not more than ~~2 years~~ one year from the date of release.

*Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect specified fees for the issuance, renewal, or replacement of a driver’s license or identification card.*

*This bill would exempt from payment of those fees a person who was wrongfully convicted and was released from state prison or county jail within the previous 6 months.*

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 3007.05 of the Penal Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 3007.05. (a) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
4 and the Department of Motor Vehicles shall ensure that all eligible  
5 inmates released from state prisons have valid identification cards,  
6 issued pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 13000) of  
7 Chapter 1 of Division 6 of the Vehicle Code.

8 (b) For purposes of this section, “eligible inmate” means an  
9 inmate who meets all of the following requirements:

10 (1) The inmate has previously held a California driver’s license  
11 or identification card.

12 (2) The inmate has a usable photo on file with the Department  
13 of Motor Vehicles that is not more than 10 years old.

14 (3) The inmate has no outstanding fees due for a prior California  
15 identification card.

16 (4) The inmate has provided, and the Department of Motor  
17 Vehicles has verified, all of the following information:

18 (A) The inmate’s true full name.

19 (B) The inmate’s date of birth.

20 (C) The inmate’s social security number.

21 (D) The inmate’s legal presence in the United States.

22 (c) ~~A person released from state prison who was wrongfully~~  
23 ~~convicted shall not be subject to subdivision (b).~~ The department  
24 shall assist a person who was wrongfully convicted with ~~obtaining~~  
25 ~~an identification card upon release from prison. The department~~  
26 ~~shall also provide transitional services to that person, to include~~  
27 ~~services, including housing assistance, job training, and mental~~  
28 ~~health services, as applicable. The extent of the services shall be~~  
29 ~~determined by the department and shall be provided for a period~~  
30 ~~of not less than six months and not more than two years~~ one year  
31 from the date of release.

32 SEC. 2. Section 14903 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

1     14903. *A fee shall not be charged for an original, renewal, or*  
2 *replacement driver's license or identification card issued to any*  
3 *person who was wrongfully convicted and was released from state*  
4 *prison or county jail within the previous six months.*

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