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To amend section 4507.13 of the Revised Code to allow 1  
a notation on a driver's license that the licensee 2  
has suffered a traumatic brain injury. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4507.13 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4507.13.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue 6  
a driver's license to every person licensed as an operator of 7  
motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles. No person 8  
licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver under Chapter 4506. 9  
of the Revised Code need procure a driver's license, but no person 10  
shall drive any commercial motor vehicle unless licensed as a 11  
commercial motor vehicle driver. 12

Every driver's license shall display on it the distinguishing 13  
number assigned to the licensee and shall display the licensee's 14  
name and date of birth; the licensee's residence address and 15  
county of residence; a color photograph of the licensee; a brief 16  
description of the licensee for the purpose of identification; a 17  
facsimile of the signature of the licensee as it appears on the 18  
application for the license; a notation, in a manner prescribed by 19  
the registrar, indicating any condition described in division 20

(D)(3) of section 4507.08 of the Revised Code to which the  
licensee is subject; a notation, in a manner prescribed by the  
registrar, indicating that the licensee has suffered a traumatic  
brain injury, if the licensee requests the notation and provides  
documentation of the injury as required by the registrar; if the  
licensee has executed a durable power of attorney for health care  
or a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the  
withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment and has  
specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that  
the licensee has executed either type of instrument, any symbol  
chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee has executed  
either type of instrument; on and after October 7, 2009, if the  
licensee has specified that the licensee wishes the license to  
indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or reservist  
of the armed forces of the United States and has presented a copy  
of the licensee's DD-214 form or an equivalent document, any  
symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee is a  
veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the  
United States; and any additional information that the registrar  
requires by rule. No license shall display the licensee's social  
security number unless the licensee specifically requests that the  
licensee's social security number be displayed on the license. If  
federal law requires the licensee's social security number to be  
displayed on the license, the social security number shall be  
displayed on the license notwithstanding this section.

The driver's license for licensees under twenty-one years of  
age shall have characteristics prescribed by the registrar  
distinguishing it from that issued to a licensee who is twenty-one  
years of age or older, except that a driver's license issued to a  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the applicant's  
twenty-first birthday shall have the characteristics of a license  
issued to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older.

The driver's license issued to a temporary resident shall 54  
contain the word "nonrenewable" and shall have any additional 55  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from 56  
a license issued to a resident. 57

Every driver's or commercial driver's license displaying a 58  
motorcycle operator's endorsement and every restricted license to 59  
operate a motor vehicle also shall display the designation 60  
"novice," if the endorsement or license is issued to a person who 61  
is eighteen years of age or older and previously has not been 62  
licensed to operate a motorcycle by this state or another 63  
jurisdiction recognized by this state. The "novice" designation 64  
shall be effective for one year after the date of issuance of the 65  
motorcycle operator's endorsement or license. 66

Each license issued under this section shall be of such 67  
material and so designed as to prevent its reproduction or 68  
alteration without ready detection and, to this end, shall be 69  
laminated with a transparent plastic material. 70

(B) Except in regard to a driver's license issued to a person 71  
who applies no more than thirty days before the applicant's 72  
twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any deputy 73  
registrar shall issue a driver's license to anyone under 74  
twenty-one years of age that does not have the characteristics 75  
prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from the driver's 76  
license issued to persons who are twenty-one years of age or 77  
older. 78

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty 79  
of a minor misdemeanor. 80

**Section 2.** That existing section 4507.13 of the Revised Code 81  
is hereby repealed. 82