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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Jacobsen; by request of Department of Licensing)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the issuance of enhanced drivers' licenses and
2 identicards to facilitate crossing the Canadian border; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The department may enter into a memorandum of understanding
8 with any federal agency for the purposes of facilitating the crossing
9 of the border between the state of Washington and the Canadian province
10 of British Columbia.

11 (2) The department may enter into an agreement with the Canadian
12 province of British Columbia for the purposes of implementing a border-
13 crossing initiative.

14 (3)(a) The department may issue an enhanced driver's license or
15 identicard for the purposes of crossing the border between the state of
16 Washington and the Canadian province of British Columbia to an
17 applicant who provides the department with proof of: United States
18 citizenship, identity, and state residency. The department shall
19 continue to offer a standard driver's license and identicard. If the

1 department chooses to issue an enhanced driver's license, the
2 department must allow each applicant to choose between a standard
3 driver's license or identicard, or an enhanced driver's license or
4 identicard.

5 (b) The department shall implement a one-to-many biometric matching
6 system for the enhanced driver's license or identicard. An applicant
7 for an enhanced driver's license or identicard shall submit a biometric
8 identifier as designated by the department. The biometric identifier
9 must be used solely for the purpose of verifying the identity of the
10 holders and for any purpose set out in RCW 46.20.037. Applicants are
11 required to sign a declaration acknowledging their understanding of the
12 one-to-many biometric match.

13 (c) The enhanced driver's license or identicard must include
14 reasonable security measures to protect the privacy of Washington state
15 residents, including reasonable safeguards to protect against
16 unauthorized disclosure of data about Washington state residents. If
17 the enhanced driver's license or identicard includes a radio frequency
18 identification chip, or similar technology, the department shall ensure
19 that the technology is encrypted or otherwise secure from unauthorized
20 data access.

21 (d) The requirements of this subsection are in addition to the
22 requirements otherwise imposed on applicants for a driver's license or
23 identicard. The department shall adopt such rules as necessary to meet
24 the requirements of this subsection. From time to time the department
25 shall review technological innovations related to the security of
26 identity cards and amend the rules related to enhanced driver's
27 licenses and identicards as the director deems consistent with this
28 section and appropriate to protect the privacy of Washington state
29 residents.

30 (4) The department may set a fee for the issuance of enhanced
31 drivers' licenses and identicards under this section.

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