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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1093**

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 53.1-116.1:02 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-31.4, relating to prisoners; special identification cards.*

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 53.1-116.1:02 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 2 of Title 53.1 a section numbered 53.1-31.4 as follows:**

**§ 53.1-31.4. Department of Corrections-issued identification.**

*Prior to the release or discharge of any prisoner, if the prisoner does not already possess a government-issued identification card, the Department of Corrections shall, upon request, issue that prisoner a special identification card to be given to the prisoner upon his release. The Department of Corrections shall establish a procedure for securing such identification through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such procedure shall include providing or assisting the prisoner to provide all paperwork necessary for such prisoner to be issued a special identification card. All costs and fees associated with obtaining such special identification card shall be paid by the prisoner.*

**§ 53.1-116.1:02. Jailer-issued identification.**

*Prior to the release or discharge of any prisoner, if the prisoner does not already possess a government-issued identification card, the sheriff, jail superintendent, or other jail administrator ~~may~~ shall, upon request, issue that prisoner a special identification card to be given to the prisoner upon his release. The sheriff, jail superintendent, or other jail administrator ~~may~~ shall establish a procedure for securing such identification through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such procedure shall include providing or assisting the prisoner to provide all paperwork necessary for such prisoner to be issued a special identification card. All costs and fees associated with obtaining such special identification card shall be paid by the prisoner.*

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