

action taken by the board. The board shall elect from its members a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary.

(4) In case of a vacancy occurring in any elected position on a county noxious weed control board, the county legislative authority of the county in which such board is located shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

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## CHAPTER 27

[House Bill No. 755]

**IDENTICARDS AND DRIVERS' LICENSES—PROTECTION AGAINST FALSIFICATION**  
**AN ACT** Relating to identicards and drivers' licenses; and adding new sections to chapter 46.20 RCW.  
 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the falsification of cards and licenses is a serious social problem creating economic hardship and problems which impede the efficient conduct of commerce and government. The legislature is particularly concerned that the increasing use of false drivers' licenses and identicards to purchase liquor, to cash bad checks, and to obtain food stamps and other benefits is causing the loss of liquor licenses, the loss of jobs, the loss of income, and the loss of human life in addition to significant monetary losses in business and government. It is the purpose of section 2 of this act to require an effective means of rendering drivers' licenses and identicards as immune as possible from alteration and counterfeiting in order to promote the public health and safety of the people of this state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

On and after January 1, 1978, the department shall implement and use such process or processes in the preparation and issuance of drivers' licenses and identicards that prohibit as nearly as possible the alteration or reproduction of such cards, or the superimposing of other photographs on such cards, without ready detection.

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