

State of Connecticut

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE CAPITOL HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

April 25, 2013

Robert A. Niblock Chairman & CEO Lowe's Companies, Inc. 1000 Lowe's Blvd Moorseville, NC 28117

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 14-36h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2013*):

- (a) Each motor vehicle operator's license issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in accordance with section 14-36 and each identity card issued by said commissioner in accordance with section 1-1h shall contain the following: (1) The person's full legal name; (2) the person's date of birth; (3) the person's gender; (4) the person's height and eye color; (5) the person's assigned operator's license or identity card number; (6) the person's address of principal residence in this state; (7) the person's signature; [and] (8) the person's color photograph or digital image; and (9) if applicable, the person's status as a veteran, as provided in subsection (d) of this section.
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- Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 23-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
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Approved July 8, 2011



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