

HCS HB 2599 -- TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING SECURE IDENTITY VERIFICATION  
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Currently, any person who supplies intoxicating liquor to a minor or to any person intoxicated or appearing to be in a state of intoxication is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a defense to prosecution under this offense if: the purchaser of the intoxicating liquor exhibited to the defendant a form of identification listed in the bill.

Currently, an individual who wants to purchase alcohol from a licensee must present a form of identification as listed in the bill. The bill allows for a secure identity verification system that utilizes an electronic scan mechanism to be used in determining whether the purchaser is 21 years of age or older.

No retailers are required to use a secure identity verification system and all retailers must accept valid government identification for age verification purposes.

The bill also specifies that any information obtained and stored by a secure identity verification system may not be sold without consent. An individual may request to opt out or revoke consent for the continued storage of his or her profile and request deletion from the provider's database.

The bill also requires any business that offers the option to make payments through a secure identity verification system must also accept an alternative method of payment.