

SENATE NO. 2026

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8L the
2 following section:-

3 Section 8M. (a) A male applicant who applies for an operator's license, learner's permit,
4 identification card or a renewal of any such permit or license and who is at least 18 years of age but
5 less than 26 years of age authorizes the registrar to register the applicant with the Selective Service
6 System in compliance with section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act through the applicant's
7 signature on the application unless the applicant indicates otherwise as described in subsection (b).

8 (b) The registrar shall give notice to any male applicant who is at least 16 years of age but less than 26
9 years of age that the applicant has a duty under federal law to register with the Selective Service
10 System at age 18. If the applicant has not registered within 30 days after reaching 18 years of age, he
11 shall be informed that he still has an affirmative obligation under federal law to register with the
12 Selective Service System before reaching 26 years of age. The registrar shall also notify the applicant
13 that his signature on an application for any such license, permit, identification card or renewal shall
14 constitute consent to authorize the registrar to forward the applicant's information to the Selective

15 Service System to register the applicant with the Selective Service System unless the applicant
16 declines to give such consent by signing a statement so stating on the application. The registrar shall
17 notify the applicant that a refusal to grant such consent shall not be grounds for denial of driving
18 privileges nor shall it be a basis for the registrar to discriminate against the applicant, and that the
19 opportunity to give such consent to the registrar is provided only for the convenience of the applicant.
20 This notice shall be made both verbally and through a written document available in English, Spanish
21 and such other languages as the registrar determines. If the applicant grants that authority, the registrar
22 shall forward to the Selective Service System, in an electronic format, no sooner than the applicant's
23 eighteenth birthday, only the information necessary for registration of the applicant.

24 (c) Failure to grant such authority as provided in this section shall not be a basis for the registrar or
25 any other related government agency to discriminate against the applicant, including but not limited to
26 the denial of driving privileges.

27 (d) The registrar shall not distribute or make available to any person or governmental agency in any
28 way any list of those applicants who declined to grant the registrar authority to forward their
29 information to the Selective Service System. The registrar shall not compile, develop or maintain any
30 such list unless it is necessary for the administration and operation of the registry, and such list shall
31 not be given to any other governmental or non-governmental agency. The registrar shall not distribute
32 or make available to any person or governmental agency any list of those applicants who did grant the
33 registrar authority to forward their information to the Selective Service System except as otherwise
34 authorized by this section.

35 SECTION 2. Chapter 90F of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 16 the
36 following section:-

37 Section 17. (a) A male applicant who applies for a commercial driver license or a renewal of that
38 license and who is at least 18 years of age but less than 26 years of age authorizes the registrar to
39 register the applicant with the Selective Service System in compliance with section 3 of the Military
40 Selective Service Act through the applicant's signature on the application unless the applicant
41 indicates otherwise as described in subsection (b).

42 (b) The registrar shall give notice to any male applicant who is at least 16 years of age but less than 26
43 years of age that the applicant has a duty under federal law to register with the Selective Service
44 System at age 18. If the applicant has not registered within 30 days after reaching 18 years of age, he
45 shall be informed that he still has an affirmative obligation under federal law to register with the
46 Selective Service System before reaching 26 years of age. The registrar shall also notify the applicant
47 that his signature on an application for any such license or renewal shall constitute consent to authorize
48 the registrar to forward the applicant's information to the Selective Service System to register the
49 applicant with the Selective Service System unless the applicant declines to give such consent by
50 signing a statement so stating on the application. The registrar shall notify the applicant that a refusal
51 to grant such consent shall not be grounds for denial of driving privileges nor shall it be a basis for the
52 registrar to discriminate against the applicant, and that the opportunity to give such consent to the
53 registrar is provided only for the convenience of the applicant. This notice shall be made both verbally
54 and through a written document available in English, Spanish and such other languages as the registrar
55 determines. If the applicant grants that authority, the registrar shall forward to the Selective Service
56 System, in an electronic format, no sooner than the applicant's eighteenth birthday, only the
57 information necessary for registration of the applicant.

58 (c) Failure to grant such authority as provided in this section shall not be a basis for the registrar or
59 any other related government agency to discriminate against the applicant, including but not limited to
60 the denial of driving privileges.

61 (d) The registrar shall not distribute or make available to any person or governmental agency in any
62 way any list of those applicants who declined to grant the registrar authority to forward their
63 information to the Selective Service System. The registrar shall not compile, develop or maintain any
64 such list unless it is necessary for the administration and operation of the registry, and such list shall
65 not be given to any other governmental or non-governmental agency. The registrar shall not distribute
66 or make available to any person or governmental agency any list of those applicants who did grant the
67 registrar authority to forward their information to the Selective Service System except as otherwise
68 authorized by this section.

69 SECTION 3. Implementation of this act shall be contingent on the receipt by the registrar of motor
70 vehicles of sufficient federal funds to pay the initial start-up costs for computer programming changes
71 necessary to implement the requirements of this section related to the reporting of information to the
72 Selective Service Administration. The registrar shall initiate and monitor efforts to obtain federal
73 funds for the purposes stated in this act and shall report promptly to the joint committee on public
74 safety and the house and senate committees on ways and means when federal funds have been
75 received by the department.