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Subject: RE: Prisoner Photo Identification Card

As of September, We are issuing a picture ID that, I believe, fulfills the requirements of the proviso, by allowing inmates to take their ID's with them.

Legal requirements for an "official ID" would preclude many inmates from qualifying. The only remaining question is whether or not we can offer a pre-release option of qualifying and receiving such an ID for inmates who can meet those requirements.

How many forms and what specific documentation is required? Would it be cost prohibitive to supply forms and applications to inmates?

Or,
in order to control those costs, if there is fee for the ID, could we provide the forms for those who pay the fee in advance? This would ensure that they are serious about having an "official" ID in hand before they leave us.

Or,
could we provided a handout for interested inmates, spelling out what they will need to take to DMV in order to get an "official" ID upon release?

In other words, I think we are OK on the proviso, but I would like to help serious inmates leave with an official ID if possible. If not possible, I would like to give them specific info toward that goal. I would like the committee to address these questions.

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From: Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net [mailto:Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net]
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Jon and Sam,

It is my understanding that the group working on photo ids met today, and I am not sure that we are making progress. First, I want to make sure that we agree on what the proviso means.

Proviso 72.113 directs DOC, PPP, and DMV to develop and implement a photo id for inmates being released from a correctional facility. There are at least two ways to interpret this. First, we can issue an ID that is not an "official, valid South Carolina identification". Second, we can issue a South Carolina identification card that is the same as every other identification card issued by DMV.

In the first interpretation, any one of the three agencies could issue the card. The card would be similar to an employee id card. However, because it does not require all of the state and federally mandated information, it cannot be officially used to open a bank account, apply for a job, travel outside of the state, etc. DMV field offices will not be able to issue this type of id because they can only issue the "official state identification" card. However, DMV can issue this type of card from our headquarters location. Again, this card cannot be used for official identification purposes.

South Carolina law mandates the requirements for a state issued id card. This card is used for official identification purposes. The card requires proof of legal residence, proof of legal name, proof of social security number, and proof of SC residency. We cannot waive these requirements, and

we will not waive these requirements. DMV will work with inmates and help them obtain the proof needed, but the state official id card can only be issued when these requirements are met. DMV cannot exchange a DOC identification card for an official state identification card as the DOC id does not meet all state and federally mandate guidelines.

The real question to be answered is what will the inmates use this photo id for? Will it be to open bank accounts and use as an official form of identification in any state of nation? If so, the only valid id is the one issued by DMV. All citizens of this state must meet these same requirements to obtain an id or a driver's license, and soon, with the Real ID Act, all citizens of this nation will have to meet these same requirements, even if you have had an id or license in your state for twenty years.

DMV does not want to be a roadblock. We are willing to take on the burden of helping the inmates obtain the necessary documents or electronically verify information to meet the requirements. However, we will not waive the requirements. We are willing to assist in producing an unofficial id if it is decided that this is all the inmates need.

Please let me know what I can do to help move this process along so that this proviso can be implemented.

Thanks,
Marcia