

**FACT SHEET • AB 2262 (Bass/Block)
Re-Entry Identification Cards**

Summary:

AB 2262 would direct the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to establish a pilot program at four facilities to provide inmates prior to their release, a valid California identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This would remove a significant barrier for parolees in successfully reentering our communities.

Problem:

Paroled offenders leaving state prison face difficult obstacles when obtaining a valid identification card. In order to gain employment, get a bus pass, cash a money order, register for an educational or vocational program, valid identification is necessary. Currently there are multiple barriers and lengthy delays from the time of release to when valid identification is obtained. Research consistently shows that the period immediately following an inmates release is crucial for establishing residency, employment, and support in their lives to prevent recidivism. In San Diego, it is estimated that 70 percent of parolees will re-offend within three years of their release.

Solution:

AB 2262 will assist parolees being released from R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Folsom State Prison, the California Institution for Women, and the Preston Youth Correctional Facility in obtaining valid identification cards issued by the DMV prior to their release. This would greatly assist those that are a part of the cooperative effort in San Diego for example, in helping parolees who are reentering the community.

This measure is co-sponsored by San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and the United African American Ministerial Action Council in San Diego. San Diego is the first county in the state to initiate a cooperative effort focused on re-entry between the District Attorney's office, Re-entry Roundtable, CDCR, Parole Officers, San Diego County Probation, San Diego County Sheriff's Department, San Diego Public Defender's office and the San Diego Superior Court.

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