Gov. Edwards Announces LA Wallet Will Waive Fee in Response to COVID-19

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Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced LA Wallet, the state of Louisiana's official digital driver's license, will be made available to residents free of charge. The all digital identification and driver's license app will suspend its fee in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Louisiana Legislature authorized LA Wallet (/action.cfm?md=communication&task=addMessageClickThru&msgid=2560&uid=#emailID#&encoded=1&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Elawallet%2Ecom%2F) for driving in 2016 under legislation sponsored by Rep. Ted James of Baton Rouge. Launched on the App Store in July 2018, LA Wallet became the first fully functioning digital driver's license available in the United States.

"Since the beginning of our partnership, LA Wallet has always kept the people of Louisiana at the forefront of what they do and this latest action is no different," Gov. Edwards said. "There have been many disruptions to our daily lives as we try to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana, and I want to thank LA Wallet for doing their part to make life a little easier for the people of our great state. Louisianans are resilient and we will get through this together."

The digital license is valid for the life of the user's license issuance. Once a user's physical license expires, they must renew their license with the OMV and purchase a new digital license through LA Wallet.

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