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Section 4

In this Act --

an "alien" means a person who does not possess Thai nationality according to the Law on nationality;

an "identify card" means an alien identity document issued by the Registrar in accordance with this Act;

the "Registrar" means an official appointed by the Minister for the execution of this Act;

the "head of household" means a person who occupies a house as the owner, the leasee or occupies it in any other capacity;

In case the head of household is absent and is not in charge of the house himself but has entrusted any other person with the charge of the house, the person having such charge shall only be regarded as the head of household throughout the period when he is in charge of it. the

"Minister" means the Minister who has charge of this Act.

Section 5

Any alien having completed twelve years of age or more and residing in the Kingdom shall have an identity card.

Section 7

An alien having completed twelve years of age or an alien having received an immigrant permit according to the Immigration law, shall apply for an identity card within seven days from the date on which he has completed twelve years of age or from the date on which he has received the immigrant permit, as the case may be. In the latter case, particularly, the alien shall also state the number, if any, of aliens brought with him who are under twelve years of age in order that the Registrar shall make note of the fact in his identity card.

Section 10

The duration of the identity card shall be fixed as follows:

1. First category - one year.
2. Second category - five years.

Such duration shall begin as from the date of issue. In applying for an identity card the applicant may apply for either category of the identity card prescribed.

Section 11

A fee shall be collected for the issuance and renewal of identity card at the rate prescribed by Ministerial Regulations but not exceeding four hundred baht per year.

A fee shall be collected for the issuance of substitute identity card in case of loss or destruction of the original at the rate prescribed by Ministerial Regulations but not exceeding two hundred baht.

Section 12

An alien who changes his domicile or residence shall present his identity card to the Registrar of the locality where he originally has his domicile or residence in order that the fact of such change may be recorded in his identity card before he has made the change, and shall report himself to the Registrar of the locality where he takes up his residence within seven days as from the date of his arrival.

In case an alien has temporarily gone outside the provincial limit where he has his domicile or residence for more than fifteen days, he shall report the fact to the Registrar of the locality where he temporarily stays within two days as from the date when the period of fifteen days referred to above is reached.

In the case of death of an alien, the head of household of the house in which the alien concerned died shall report the death to the Registrar of the locality where that alien died within twenty-four hours as from the time of his death.

Section 16

This Act shall not apply to the following aliens:

- (1) person who is an official or employee of the Thai Government under a contract for so long as the contract remains effective.
- (2) person about whom a foreign Government has notified the Government that he is sent on an official mission, and the family of the said person, during the period when he discharges his mission.
- (3) holder of a travelling document issued by the United Nations Organization and the document is still valid.
- (4) person who is not an immigrant under the law on Immigration.

The aliens thus exempted, if they desire to apply for an identity card, shall present their photographs to the Registrar, and the Registrar shall issue to them the identity card. In such a case, the alien concerned shall not pay any fee and need not comply with the provisions of this Act in so far as the identity card is concerned.

Section 22

Any person who does not apply for a substitute for an identity card which has been damaged or lost in accordance with Section 13 or who does not comply with the provisions of Section 12, Section 14, Section 17 or Section 18 shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred baht.

Section 25

The Minister of Interior shall be in charge of this Act and shall have power to issue Ministerial Regulations to give effect to this Act.

Such Ministerial Regulations shall become effective upon publication in the Gazette.

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