



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 665

HOUSE BILL NO. 222

By Representatives Ragan, Sherrell, Powers, Lynn

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 272

By Senators Pody, Bowling, Green, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses issued to noncitizens and persons without lawful permanent residence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-321, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) Any person presenting a driver license from a state that issues driver licenses to illegal aliens for the purposes of obtaining a Tennessee driver license shall be required to establish proof of United States citizenship, lawful permanent resident status, or, in the case of a temporary driver license, a specified period of authorized stay in the United States.

(2) The department is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this subsection (i) in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. The department is also authorized to utilize any process to comply with any rules and regulations, exemptions, and policies promulgated by the United States secretary of homeland security or other state or federal agency.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, forms, and procedures and making necessary provisions for implementation of this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 28, 2018



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of April 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR