SENATE BILL 2568

By Taylor

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to licenses issued to noncitizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE: SECTION 1.

(a) The department of safety shall redesign the temporary licenses and permits described in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331(g) so that they may be easily distinguished from driver licenses and photo identification licenses issued to residents of this state who are United States citizens. The design of the temporary licenses and permits must include the language "NON-U.S. CITIZEN" on the license or permit in a manner or style similar to the style and form used to indicate a permit is a handgun carry permit. A temporary license or permit must be printed in a vertical or portrait format and include a visually distinctive colored border.

(b) The department of safety shall begin issuing the redesigned temporary licenses and permits to qualified applicants no later than January 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331(g), is amended by deleting the language "no temporary license or photo identification license shall be issued for a period of longer than eight (8) years" and substituting instead the language "a temporary license or photo identification license shall not be issued for a period of longer than two (2) years".

SECTION 3. For purposes of redesigning temporary licenses and permits, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.