

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rivera offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (400706) (with title**
4 **amendment)**

5 On page 2, line 11,

6 Insert:

7 Section 2. Section 322.073, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 322.073 Licensing of foreign nationals who visit this
10 state.--

11 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
12 may, subject to the requirements of this section, issue a driver
13 license to an applicant who is a foreign national and who
14 legally visits this state on a frequent basis for business or
15 pleasure but who has not immigrated to the United States.

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16 (2) A license issued under this section is valid for 2
17 years following the date on which it is issued or, if a
18 nonimmigrant visa is required for entry into the United States
19 by a driver license applicant, a license issued under this
20 section is valid for the duration of the nonimmigrant visa
21 issued to the applicant by the United States Government, up to a
22 maximum of 6 years. If the nonimmigrant visa driver license
23 applicant is holding a nonimmigrant visa with less than 6 years'
24 validity remaining on the nonimmigrant visa, then a license
25 issued under this section is valid for the duration remaining on
26 the nonimmigrant visa issued to the applicant by the United
27 States Government and may be renewed thereafter under the same
28 restriction and conditions as the initial issuance if the
29 applicant, at the time of renewal, satisfies the requirements of
30 this section.

31 (3) When an applicant for a driver license is from a visa-
32 waiver country that has been identified as such by the
33 Department of Homeland Security, the applicant shall, upon
34 meeting all eligibility requirements, be issued a license or an
35 identification card, or both, for a period of up to 6 years.
36 Such a license or identification card may be renewed thereafter
37 under the same restrictions and conditions as those applying to
38 the initial issuance if the applicant, at the time of renewal,
39 satisfies the requirements of this section.

40 (4) To receive or renew a driver license under this
41 section, a legal nonimmigrant visitor applicant must submit to
42 the department all of the following:

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43 (a) A valid passport from the home country of the
44 applicant.

45 (b) For an applicant entering from a country that is not
46 identified by the United States Office of Citizenship and
47 Immigration Services as a visa-waiver country, a valid
48 nonimmigrant visa issued to the applicant by the United States
49 Government.

50 (c) A valid and current I-94 form issued by the United
51 States Office of Citizenship and Immigration Services to the
52 applicant.

53 (d) A valid driver license from the home country of the
54 applicant.

55 (5) Each such applicant must provide, in addition to the
56 items specified in paragraphs (4)(a)-(d), evidence satisfactory
57 to the department which shows:

58 (a) Proof of ownership of or a leasehold interest in a
59 motor vehicle; or

60 (b)1. The necessity for the applicant to operate a motor
61 vehicle; and

62 2. Proof that, for a period of at least 6 months during
63 the previous 5 years, the applicant has had:

64 a. An established presence in this state; or

65 b. Ownership of or a lease on a residential property in
66 this state.

67 (6) A driver license issued under this section is property
68 of the state. A person in possession of a driver license must
69 provide it to a law enforcement officer upon request. A law
70 enforcement officer having a reasonable belief that a person

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71 possesses or is using a driver license in violation of this
72 section or any other law may seize the driver license. A person
73 from whom a law enforcement officer seizes a driver license
74 under this section does not have a cause of action against the
75 law enforcement officer for the seizure of the driver license.
76 The department may cancel a driver license issued under this
77 section upon determining that the foreign national is no longer
78 entitled to the issuance of the driver license.

79 (7) The department shall establish fees for the initial
80 issuance and renewal of a driver license under this section.

81 Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of
82 section 322.14, Florida Statutes, to read:

83 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.--

84 (1)

85 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), each
86 driver's license issued to a foreign national must clearly
87 indicate that the license is valid for driving purposes only by
88 exhibiting in bold font and red letters: "FOR DRIVING PURPOSES
89 ONLY."

91 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

92 On page 57, line 1,
93 remove: all of said line

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95 and insert:

96 Trade, and Economic Development; creating s. 322.073,
97 F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety and
98 Motor Vehicles to issue driver licenses to certain foreign

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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99 | nationals who frequently visit the state; providing
100 | application criteria and procedures; providing for seizure
101 | of the license for violations; authorizing the Department
102 | of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to establish fees for
103 | the license; amending s. 322.14, F.S.; providing content
104 | criteria for driver licenses issued to foreign nationals;
105 | amending s.

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