

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB215

Hearing Date: Monday January 31, 2011
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Fischer
One Liner: Change state identification card and motor vehicle operator's license provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,
Louden, Price

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Dusty Vaughan
Beverly Neth

Representing:

Introducing for Sen. Deb Fischer
Department of Motor Vehicles

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 215 strengthens the security surrounding the driver license issuing process and restricts the acceptance of certain documents proving lawful status.

The bill makes many changes to the statutory provisions of the driver license and identification card issuing process. However, most are for harmonizing purposes and for striking obsolete provisions. The main substantive changes include:

Section 4 amends Sec. 60-479.01 to require any person involved in the recording of verified application information, manufacture or production of the license or card, or has the ability to affect information, to submit to a criminal history and lawful status check. Any person convicted of a disqualifying offense shall not be involved in the license issuing process. Notice of the background check must be given to the employee.

Section 5 amends Sec.60-484 to prohibit any person from holding an operator license and identification card at the same time.

Section 6 inserts new language authorizing the DMV to retain copies of source documents presented by a license applicant. Copies will be held in secured storage.

Section 7 requires a lawful status check before any applicant may be issued a license or identification card. The section includes a specific list of acceptable documents proving lawful status and the required combination.

Section 8 requires the DMV to issue a temporary license or ID card to any applicant who has temporary lawful status in the U.S. The document shall be valid for the authorized stay period, or one year if no expiration date. The document shall also be marked as temporary.

Section 9 authorizes the DMV to verify a source document presented by an applicant with the issuing agency.

Section 16 amends Sec. 60-4,121 to strike language so that a military member coming off of active duty must come to the DMV and not the county treasurer for license renewal. (Note: In recent years the DMV took over the photo capture of applicants from county treasurers.).

Section 23 amends Sec. 60-4,181 to prohibit any person from holding an operator license and identification card at the same time.

Section 25 adds the Emergency Clause to the bill.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson