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Sponsor Statement

HB 1

“An Act relating to issuance of driver’s licenses.”

This bill enables the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue a driver’s license for a period of less than five years for persons who have a legal presence in the United States for less than five years.

Under current law, an alien visiting the United States with a visa that expires in two weeks could get an Alaska drivers license that doesn’t expire for five years. This bill links the duration of the driver’s license to the duration of the visa, or any other legal presence document.

If the legal presence document is for an indefinite period, the driver’s license would be issued for only one year, but could be renewed each year up to a period of five years, at no additional cost to the driver.

Similar legislation has been passed in other states.