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## **Sponsor Statement** **HB 1**

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

Under current statute, Alaska driver’s licenses are issued for a period of five years. The Department of Administration-Division of Motor Vehicles is afforded discretion to extend the expiration date for certain licenses beyond five years, but is not currently empowered to issue a license for *less* than five years. HB 3 would authorize DMV to issue driver’s licenses that expire in less than five years for persons who are legally permitted to stay in the United States indefinitely or for less than five years. If a person is authorized to stay in the United States indefinitely, the DMV would issue a license that must be renewed annually. If a person is authorized to stay in the United States for a definite length of time that is less than five years, the DMV would issue a license that is only valid for the period of authorized stay.