

Submitted by: Assembly Member BAUER
Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2008-20**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF**
2 **SENATE BILL 215 AND HB 3, INTRODUCED BY THE 25TH LEGISLATURE OF THE**
3 **STATE OF ALASKA, TO AMEND ALASKA STATUTE 18.65 RELATING TO PROOF OF**
4 **LEGAL RESIDENCY BY APPLICANTS REQUESTING ISSUANCE OF A STATE OF**
5 **ALASKA IDENTIFICATION CARD OR STATE OF ALASKA DRIVER'S LICENSE.**
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles presently issues
8 official State of Alaska identification cards and State of Alaska driver licenses without
9 proof of legal status to reside in the United States; and
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11 WHEREAS, in the 25th Legislature of the State of Alaska, legislation has been
12 introduced in both the Alaska State Senate, SB 215, and the Alaska House of
13 Representatives, HB 3, to amend Alaska Statute 18.65 and require proof of legal
14 residency status from applicants requesting issuance of a State of Alaska
15 identification card or an Alaska driver's license; and
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17 WHEREAS, Alaska continues to experience population growth from migration;
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20 WHEREAS, in almost every year of population growth state-wide in Alaska,
21 Anchorage has seen the largest increase in migration; and
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23 WHEREAS, from 2001-2003, the states with the most migration to Alaska were
24 Washington 10.4%, California 9.0%, Texas 7.3%, and Oregon 4.7%; and
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26 WHEREAS, three of these states (Washington, California, and Oregon) are among the
27 nine states, including Alaska, that in the past have not required proof of legal status to reside
28 in the United States; the Oregon legislature having just recently decided to make proof of
29 legal residency status a requirement for issuance; and
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31 WHEREAS, from 2003-2006, the trend of migration to Alaska has been from
32 international countries; and
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34 WHEREAS, results received January 28, 2008, from Immigration Customs
35 Enforcement (ICE) in response to a Freedom of Information Request, show that in
36 Anchorage, beginning in 2004 through January 2008, law enforcement actions involving
37 illegal immigrants included 74 criminal arrests, 102 alien administrative arrests, 10 worksite
38 enforcement-criminal actions, 26 worksite enforcement-administrative actions, and 5 human

1 smuggling-criminal arrests; and
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3 WHEREAS, requiring proof of legal status to reside in the United States in the
4 issuance of official identification and driver's licenses by the State of Alaska is a step
5 that will benefit Anchorage, as the state's largest population center;
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7 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED:
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9 The Anchorage Assembly supports SB 215, HB 3, and all efforts by the 25th
10 Legislature of the State of Alaska to ensure that proof of legal status to reside in
11 the United States is required in the issuance of official identification and driver's
12 licenses by the State of Alaska.
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14 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
15 _____, 2008.
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19 Chair

20 ATTEST:
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23 Municipal Clerk
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