

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to issuance of identification cards and to issuance of driver's licenses;
2 and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 18.65.310(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Upon payment of a \$15 fee, the department shall issue a card identical to
6 the motor vehicle operator's license provided for in AS 28.15.111, except that the card
7 shall be of a different color and shall state in bold type letters across the face of it that
8 it is for identification purposes only. **Except as provided in (g) and (i) of this**
9 **section, an identification card expires on the person's birthday in the fifth year**
10 **following issuance of the card.**

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.310(g) is amended to read:

12 (g) If the person applying for the identification card provided for in (a) of this
13 section is 60 years of age or older, charge may not be made for issuance of the card.
14 **Except as provided in (i) of this section, an identification card issued to a person**

1 **who is 60 years of age or older expires on the person's birthday in the eighth year**
 2 **following issuance of the card.**

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.65.310 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (k) The department may not issue an identification card under (a) of this
 5 section to a person who has not presented to the department valid documentary
 6 evidence that the person is a citizen of the United States, a national of the United
 7 States, a legal permanent resident of the United States, or a conditional resident alien
 8 of the United States.

9 (l) Notwithstanding (k) of this section, the department may issue an
 10 identification card to a person who presents in person valid, documentary evidence of
 11 (1) a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the
 12 United States, (2) a pending or approved application for asylum in the United States,
 13 (3) entry into the United States in refugee status, (4) a pending or approved application
 14 for temporary protected status in the United States, (5) approved deferred action
 15 status, or (6) a pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent
 16 residence status or conditional resident status. The identification card authorized under
 17 this subsection is valid only during the period of the time of the person's authorized
 18 stay in the United States and must clearly indicate that expiration date. If the period of
 19 authorized stay is indefinite, the expiration date for the identification card is one year
 20 from the date of issue. The identification card authorized under this subsection may be
 21 renewed only on presentation of valid, documentary evidence that the status by which
 22 the person qualified for the temporary identification card has been extended by the
 23 proper United States government authority. The department may by regulation specify
 24 what is valid, documentary evidence under this subsection except that the department
 25 may not specify that a matricula consular card is valid, documentary evidence.

26 * **Sec. 4.** AS 28.15.031(b) is amended to read:

27 (b) The department may not issue an original or duplicate driver's license to,
 28 nor renew or reinstate the driver's license of, a person

29 (1) whose license is suspended, revoked, canceled, or withdrawn, **or**
 30 **who is disqualified from obtaining a license,** in this or any other jurisdiction except
 31 as otherwise provided in this chapter;

1 (2) who fails to appear in court for the adjudication of a certain
2 vehicle, driver, or traffic offense when the person's appearance is required by statute,
3 regulation, or court rule;

4 (3) who is an habitual user of alcohol or another drug to such a degree
5 that the person is incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle;

6 (4) when the department, based upon medical evidence, has
7 determined that, because of the person's physical or mental disability, the person is not
8 able to drive a motor vehicle safely;

9 (5) who is unable to understand official traffic control devices as
10 displayed in this state or who does not have a fair knowledge of traffic laws and
11 regulations, as demonstrated by an examination;

12 (6) who has knowingly made a false statement in the person's
13 application for a license or has committed fraud in connection with the person's
14 application for, or in obtaining or attempting to obtain, a license, or who has not
15 applied under oath on the form provided for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to
16 obtain a license or permit; [OR]

17 (7) who is required under AS 28.20 to furnish proof of financial
18 responsibility and who has not done so; or

19 **(8) who has not presented to the department**

20 **(A) valid documentary evidence that the person is a citizen**
21 **of the United States, a national of the United States, a legal permanent**
22 **resident of the United States, or a conditional resident alien of the United**
23 **States; a person who is seeking a renewal of, duplicate of, or change of**
24 **legal name on a license is presumed to meet the requirements of this**
25 **subparagraph if the license has not been expired for more than 90 days or**
26 **been cancelled, suspended, or revoked and the person has not been**
27 **disqualified from obtaining a license; if the department has been notified**
28 **by a local, state, or federal government agency that the person seeking a**
29 **renewal of, duplicate of, or change of legal name on a license is not a**
30 **citizen of the United States or is not legally in the United States, then the**
31 **presumption available in this subparagraph does not apply; the**

1 department may by regulation specify what is valid, documentary
 2 evidence under this subparagraph except that the department may not
 3 specify that a matricula consular card is valid, documentary evidence; or
 4 (B) in person valid, documentary evidence of (i) a valid,
 5 unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into
 6 the United States, (ii) a pending or approved application for asylum in the
 7 United States, (iii) entry into the United States in refugee status, (iv) a
 8 pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the
 9 United States, (v) approved deferred action status, or (vi) a pending
 10 application for adjustment of status to legal permanent residence status or
 11 conditional resident status; a license issued under this subparagraph may
 12 be renewed only on presentation of valid, documentary evidence that the
 13 status by which the person qualified for the license has been extended by
 14 the proper United States government authority; a change of name for a
 15 license issued under this subparagraph may be made only on presentation
 16 of valid, documentary evidence that the person's name has been changed
 17 with regard to the status by which the person qualified for the license; a
 18 duplicate license for a license issued under this subparagraph may be
 19 issued only on presentation of valid, documentary evidence that the
 20 person's status by which the person qualified for the license remains valid
 21 and in effect; the department may by regulation specify what is valid,
 22 documentary evidence under this subsection except that the department
 23 may not specify that a matricula consular card is valid, documentary
 24 evidence.

25 * **Sec. 5.** AS 28.15.101(a) is amended to read:

26 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in (d) of this section, a
 27 driver's license expires on the licensee's birthday in the fifth year following issuance of
 28 the license. A license may be renewed within one year of its expiration upon proper
 29 application, payment of the required fee, and except when a license is renewed under
 30 (c) of this section, successful completion of a test of the licensee's eyesight.

31 * **Sec. 6.** AS 28.15.101 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (d) A driver's license issued under AS 28.15.031(b)(8)(B) is valid only during
2 the period of the time the person is authorized to stay in the United States and must
3 clearly indicate the expiration date. If the period of authorized stay is indefinite, the
4 expiration date of the license is one year from the date of issue.

5 * **Sec. 7.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.