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H.B. No. 3175

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required proof of lawful presence in the United States for issuance of a driver's license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 521.1425, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) For purposes of issuing or renewing a driver's license, the department must accept as satisfactory proof that an applicant is authorized to be in the United States under Section 521.142(a) the following documents:

(1) immigration documentation with an alien number or I-94 number, including a form I-797 indicating the applicant has:

(A) a pending I-485;

(B) a pending application for adjustment, extension, or change of status;

(C) a pending petition for nonimmigrant worker status; or

(D) another pending category;

(2) an employment authorization document;

(3) both a valid immigrant visa presented within one year of endorsement and an unexpired foreign passport; and

(4) the applicant's unexpired foreign passport presented with both a current border crossing card and an I-94 number.

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 a driver's license issued or renewed under Chapter [521](#),
3 Transportation Code, on or after January 1, 2024.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.