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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for application for driver's
3 license or learner's permit, for issuance and content of
4 driver's license and for expiration and renewal of drivers'
5 licenses.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Sections 1506(a) and (a.1), 1510(f) and (i) and
9 1514(e) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
10 are amended to read:

11 § 1506. Application for driver's license or learner's permit.

12 (a) Form and content.--Every application for a learner's
13 permit or driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished
14 by the department and shall contain such information as the
15 department may require to determine the applicant's identity,
16 competency and eligibility. The form shall allow for submission
17 of a Social Security number or a taxpayer identification number.

18 The form may also provide for inclusion of personal medical
19 information and other information of use in an emergency.

1 [(a.1) Noncitizen application.--A person who is not a
2 citizen of the United States may apply for a Pennsylvania
3 driver's license upon establishing the person's lawful presence
4 in the United States and this Commonwealth. The department may
5 issue a license if the person will lawfully be in the United
6 States for a period of one year or more after the date of the
7 application or for a shorter period of time if deemed
8 appropriate by the department.]

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10 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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12 (f) Waiver.--Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
13 (a), the department shall issue a driver's license to an
14 otherwise eligible person who has no Social Security number if
15 the person submits a [waiver obtained from the Federal
16 Government permitting him not to have a Social Security number.
17 The department may require other identifiers, including, but not
18 limited to, a taxpayer identification number, before issuing the
19 license.] Federal taxpayer identification number or a Federal
20 waiver for nonissuance of a Social Security number for reasons
21 of religion. If an applicant does not have a taxpayer
22 identification number, documents or a combination of documents
23 that reliably proves the applicant's name, date of birth and
24 place of birth shall be submitted. The department shall accept
25 the following documents and shall only require a combination of
26 them if necessary to establish name, date of birth and place of
27 birth of an applicant:

28 (1) A valid foreign passport from the person's country
29 of citizenship.

30 (2) A valid consular identification document issued by

1 governments with safety standards and protocols as determined
2 by the department.

3 (3) A certified record of the applicant's birth,
4 marriage, adoption or divorce, including a translation if
5 necessary.

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7 [(i) Issuance to noncitizens.--A license issued in
8 accordance with section 1506(a.1) (relating to application for
9 driver's license or learner's permit) may contain an indication
10 that the license was issued to the person who is not a citizen
11 of the United States and who has credentials or documents issued
12 by the Immigration and Naturalization Service or its successor.]

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14 § 1514. Expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses.

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16 [(e) Noncitizen license expiration and renewal.--

17 (1) Except as otherwise provided, a license issued on
18 the basis of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
19 credentials or documents shall expire on the date appearing
20 on the INS credentials or documents provided by the applicant
21 under section 1506(a.1) (relating to application for driver's
22 license or learner's permit).

23 (2) If the expiration date of the INS credentials or
24 documents exceeds four years, the license shall expire one
25 day after the applicant's date of birth but not more than
26 four years from the date of issuance of the license.

27 (3) Upon presenting INS credentials or documents
28 indicating continued legal presence in the United States, the
29 person may apply for a renewal of the license.

30 (4) If a person has been granted permanent legal status

1 in the United States by the INS, the department may in its
2 discretion require the person to present his INS credentials
3 or documents for only the first license application or
4 renewal.

5 (5) License renewals issued under this subsection shall
6 be for the length of time as set forth in paragraph (1) or
7 (2).]

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.