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By Senators Benton, Bailey, Carrell, Delvin, Ericksen, Padden, Sheldon, and Becker

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1 AN ACT Relating to verifying lawful status of individuals upon
2 obtaining or renewing their state-issued drivers' licenses or related
3 identification; and adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Beginning August 1, 2013, any person obtaining or renewing his
8 or her driver's license, driver's instruction permit, agricultural
9 driving permit, identicard, intermediate license, or commercial
10 driver's license shall show proof of his or her United States
11 citizenship or his or her lawful presence within the United States. An
12 original or renewal application must not be granted to any person who
13 does not provide verified proof of his or her United States citizenship
14 or his or her lawful presence within the United States. A person who
15 is a citizen or national of the United States, or who is a legal
16 permanent resident alien, must not be required to provide proof under
17 this subsection, so long as the department has a record of the person's
18 status in compliance with subsection (4) of this section.

1 (2) A person may prove his or her citizenship by providing a valid,
2 unexpired United States passport or passport card, a certified copy of
3 a birth certificate, a consular report of birth abroad issued by the
4 United States department of state, a certificate of naturalization
5 issued by the department of homeland security, or a certificate of
6 citizenship.

7 (3) A person may prove his or her lawful presence within the United
8 States by providing documentation that he or she is an alien:

9 (a) Lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the
10 United States;

11 (b) With conditional permanent resident status in the United
12 States;

13 (c) Who has an approved application for asylum in the United States
14 or has entered into the United States in refugee status;

15 (d) Who has a valid nonimmigrant status in the United States;

16 (e) Who has a pending application for asylum in the United States;

17 (f) Who has a pending or approved application for temporary
18 protected status in the United States;

19 (g) Who has approved deferred action status; or

20 (h) Who has a pending application for lawful permanent residence or
21 conditional permanent resident status.

22 (4) The department shall maintain records of an applicant's status
23 as a United States citizen or as a noncitizen, including the type of
24 document provided and the expiration of the applicant's authorization
25 to lawfully be within the United States. The department shall make
26 such records available to the secretary of state and state and local
27 criminal justice agencies.

28 (5) The department shall verify the status of an applicant through
29 either the systematic alien verification for entitlements program or
30 through verification of the applicant's social security number with the
31 United States social security administration.

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