



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 352**

*January Session, 2003*

Substitute Senate Bill No. 926

*Senate, April 15, 2003*

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LAWFUL RESIDENCE OF APPLICANTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSES AND IDENTITY CARDS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) In the event the  
2 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles issues a motor vehicle operator's  
3 license in accordance with the provisions of section 14-36 of the general  
4 statutes or an identity card in accordance with the provisions of section  
5 1-1h of the general statutes to any person who is a resident of this state  
6 and not a citizen of the United States and whose presence in the United  
7 States is of limited duration, in accordance with any provision of  
8 federal law, the commissioner shall issue such motor vehicle operator's  
9 license or identity card for a limited term to coincide with the period of  
10 such person's lawful presence in this state. Any person who has been  
11 issued a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card under this  
12 section who is granted an extension of stay in this state or who obtains  
13 permanent resident status in this state may request, and the

14 commissioner shall, upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the  
15 commissioner, surrender of the document that has been issued and  
16 payment of the fee of ten dollars, issue to such person another motor  
17 vehicle operator's license or identity card bearing the new expiration  
18 date of lawful presence in this state. The fee for any motor vehicle  
19 operator's license issued for a limited term shall be nine dollars per  
20 year or any part thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Potential Revenue Gain	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue a driver’s license or non-driver photo identification card to a person who is a state resident but not a citizen of the United States a credential which would be coterminus with the person’s legal residence in the state.

The fee for this credential is \$9 per year. Since the fee amount is essentially a proration of the current four- or six- year license fee, no revenue impact is anticipated from this action.

However, an individual may apply for and be granted an extension of stay or permanent resident status for a \$10 fee in addition to the \$9 annual fee. It is anticipated that this action could result in a revenue gain to the Transportation Fund. Since the number of individuals that would apply for an extension of stay or permanent status is unknown, the revenue gain is indeterminate but is expected to be minimal.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LAWFUL RESIDENCE OF APPLICANTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSES AND IDENTITY CARDS****SUMMARY:**

The Department of Motor Vehicles currently issues drivers' licenses for either a four- or six-year term as it phases in six-year licenses for all drivers. (Someone age 65 or older can request either a two- or a six-year license.) Non-driver photo identification cards are issued for four-year terms. This bill requires any driver's license or non-driver photo identification card the motor vehicle commissioner issues to someone who is a Connecticut resident but not a U.S. citizen, and whose presence in the country is of limited duration, to be for a limited term that coincides with the period of the person's lawful presence in the state. The bill establishes a \$9 fee per year or part of a year for such a limited duration driver's license issued. The \$10 fee for a non-driver photo ID card remains unchanged by the bill.

If anyone issued such a limited license or ID card is granted an extension of stay in Connecticut or obtains permanent resident status, he may request another license or ID card bearing the new date of expiration of his lawful presence. To get this revised license or ID card, the person must provide the commissioner with satisfactory evidence of his extension of stay or change in status, surrender his previously issued license or ID card, and pay a \$10 fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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