

PROHIBIT DRIVER LICENSE AND STATE ID TO ILLEGAL ALIEN



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SUMMARY

House Bill 5497 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code prohibiting the Secretary of State from issuing a driver license to a person who is in the United State unlawfully. It expands the "resident" definition to include residence in this state for at least the last thirty days. It includes that the expiration of a legal alien's license would be the customary expiration date, or the date on which that person's presence in the United States became unlawful, whichever occurred first. It also allows the Department of State to contact the appropriate United State government agency if the department has reasonable cause to believe that an applicant is an illegal alien. The bill would allow non-U.S. citizens who could show documentation of appropriate immigration status to be issued driver licenses. It would also direct the Secretary of State to recognize Mexican driver licenses as legitimate documentation.

The Department of State estimates that one-time programming costs to department wide data systems and processes of \$50,000.