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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to application procedures and requirements for
2 issuance of a driver's license or nonoperator's identification
3 card to a noncitizen.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.182, Code 2003, is amended by
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. a. A noncitizen applicant who
4 presents all of the following documentation shall be deemed to
5 have established proof of identity as required by the
6 department to qualify for licensure:

7 (1) A valid passport issued by a foreign jurisdiction or
8 an original or certified copy of a government-issued birth
9 certificate from a foreign jurisdiction.

10 (2) A social security card or a federal taxpayer
11 identification card or certification letter.

12 (3) A matricula consular identity card.

13 b. A noncitizen applicant who establishes proof of
14 identity under paragraph "a" and presents a valid driver's
15 license issued by a jurisdiction in another country, or
16 presents evidence of completion of a driver education course
17 approved by the department, is subject to the requirements of
18 section 321.186 at the discretion of the department in the
19 same manner as an applicant who was previously licensed to
20 drive in another state.

21 Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
22 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

23 a. The department shall, upon application and payment of
24 the required fee, issue to an applicant a nonoperator's
25 identification card. To be valid the card shall bear a
26 distinguishing number assigned to the card holder, the full
27 name, date of birth, sex, residence address, a physical
28 description and a colored photograph of the card holder, the
29 usual signature of the card holder, and such other information
30 as the department may require by rule. An applicant for a
31 nonoperator's identification card shall apply for the card in
32 the manner provided in section 321.182, subsections 1, through
33 2, 3, and 5. The card shall be issued to the applicant at the
34 time of application pursuant to procedures established by
35 rule. An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card

1 who is required by 50 U.S.C. app. § 451 et seq. to register
2 with the United States selective service system shall be
3 registered by the department with the selective service system
4 as provided in section 321.183.

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EXPLANATION

6 This bill amends the application procedures for issuance of
7 a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card to
8 noncitizen applicants. The state department of transportation
9 is required to accept, as proof of an applicant's identity, a
10 matricula consular identity card accompanied by a valid
11 foreign passport or original or certified copy of a foreign
12 birth certificate and a social security card or federal
13 taxpayer identification card or letter. In addition, the bill
14 provides that if such an applicant presents a valid driver's
15 license from another country or evidence of completion of an
16 approved driver education course, the department may exercise
17 its discretion to examine or waive examination of the
18 applicant, as it does now for applicants previously licensed
19 to drive in other states.

20 The matricula consular identity card is an official form of
21 identification currently issued only by the Mexican
22 government.

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