



**STATE OF IOWA**  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR

May 15, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate  
Secretary of State of Iowa  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2187, an Act relating to the verification of citizenship and immigration status of persons who apply for or renew a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card, and including applicability provisions.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

Kim Reynolds  
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the House



Senate File 2187

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PERSONS WHO APPLY FOR OR RENEW A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR NONOPERATOR'S IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND INCLUDING APPLICABILITY PROVISIONS.

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


Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.183A Citizenship and immigration status verification.

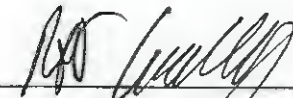
1. The department shall use the SAVE program, or any successor federal verification system, to verify the United States citizenship and immigration status of each person who applies for issuance or renewal of a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card and who does not provide proof that the person is a United States citizen. The department shall not issue or renew a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card if the person does not provide proof the person is a United States citizen and the department is unable to verify the person's status as lawfully present in the United States.

2. For purposes of this section, "SAVE program" means the systematic alien verification for entitlements system of the United States department of homeland security and the United States citizenship and immigration services.


Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies on and after March 1, 2027, or the date the department of transportation submits to the Iowa administrative code editor for publication in the

Iowa administrative bulletin a statement by the director of transportation that the applicable phase of the department of transportation's new records system is implemented, whichever is earlier. The department shall also forward a copy of the statement to the Iowa Code editor.

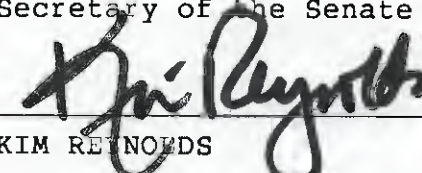
  
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AMY SINCLAIR  
President of the Senate

  
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PAT GRASSLEY  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2187, Ninety-first General Assembly.

  
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W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

  
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KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor