

**House File 439 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 37)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to citizenship or immigration status for purposes  
2 of a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card,  
3 and including applicability provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.182, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3     a. Make application on a form provided by the department  
4 which shall include the applicant's full name, signature, current  
5 mailing address, current residential address, date of birth,  
6 social security number, status as a citizen of the United States  
7 or status as a noncitizen authorized to be in the United States,  
8 and physical description including sex, height, and eye color.  
9 The application may contain other information the department  
10 may require by rule. Pursuant to procedures established by  
11 the department and for an applicant who is a foreign national  
12 temporarily present in this state, the department may waive the  
13 requirement that the application include the applicant's social  
14 security number.

15 Sec. 2. Section 321.189, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
16 2025, is amended to read as follows:

17     a. (1) Appearing on the driver's license shall be a  
18 distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; the licensee's  
19 full name, date of birth, sex, and residence address; a color  
20 photograph; a physical description of the licensee; the name  
21 of the state; the dates of issuance and expiration; and the  
22 usual signature of the licensee. The license shall identify  
23 the class of vehicle the licensee may operate and the applicable  
24 endorsements and restrictions which the department shall require  
25 by rule.

26     (2) The back side of the driver's license must include the  
27 licensee's status as a citizen of the United States or status  
28 as a noncitizen authorized to be in the United States, as  
29 applicable.

30 Sec. 3. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
31 2025, is amended to read as follows:

32     a. The department shall, upon application and payment of  
33 the required fee, issue to an applicant a nonoperator's  
34 identification card. To be valid the card shall bear a  
35 distinguishing number other than a social security number

1 assigned to the cardholder, the full name, date of birth, sex,  
2 residence address, a physical description and a color photograph  
3 of the cardholder, the usual signature of the cardholder, and  
4 such other information as the department may require by rule.  
5 The back side of the card must include the cardholder's status  
6 as a citizen of the United States or status as a noncitizen  
7 authorized to be in the United States, as applicable. An  
8 applicant for a nonoperator's identification card shall apply for  
9 the card in the manner provided in section 321.182, subsections 1  
10 through 3. The card shall be issued to the applicant at the time  
11 of application pursuant to procedures established by rule. An  
12 applicant for a nonoperator's identification card who is required  
13 by 50 U.S.C. app. §451 et seq. to register with the United States  
14 selective service system shall be registered by the department  
15 with the selective service system as provided in section 321.183.  
16 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to driver's licenses  
17 and nonoperator's identification cards issued as a result of  
18 an application made, including for renewal, on or after the  
19 effective date of this Act.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill requires a person applying for a driver's license  
24 or nonoperator's identification card, including for renewal of  
25 either, to provide the person's status as a citizen of the United  
26 States or status as a noncitizen authorized to be in the United  
27 States. The department of transportation (DOT) must include a  
28 person's status on the back side of the person's driver's license  
29 or nonoperator's identification card, as applicable.

30 The bill applies to driver's licenses and nonoperator's  
31 identification cards issued as a result of an application made,  
32 including for renewal, on or after the effective date of the  
33 bill.