

**CHAPTER 1091****DRIVER'S LICENSES AND NONOPERATOR'S IDENTIFICATION CARDS —  
VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION STATUS***S.F. 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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