

# Support SB24-182

## Immigrant Identification Document Issuance

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### WHAT DOES SB24-182 DO?

SB24-182 amends the Driver License for All program to increase access and equity for undocumented Coloradans by:

#### Standardizing the proof of residency requirements

SB24-182 will create consistency with existing residency requirements for individuals applying for licenses under the Colorado Community Road and Safety Act with other new Colorado residents.

#### Expanding the list of acceptable identification documents

SB24-182 will expand the list to include documents such as:

- Identifying documents issued by the United State Department of Homeland Security
- Voter identification card, driver's license, permit, or identification card from the applicant's country of origin
- identification card issued by the office of refugee resettlement

According to the Colorado Fiscal Institute, Colorado drivers save an estimated \$127 million in insurance premiums every year because all immigrants are able to get a driver's license and purchase car insurance.

In addition, undocumented drivers are eligible to register their vehicles, and **state and local governments were able to collect revenue from almost 170,000 more vehicles because of SB13-251.**



# BACKGROUND

In 2013, the Colorado legislature passed SB13-251, **the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act**. This act ensured everyone would be able to obtain a standard driver's license or ID, regardless of immigration status. These credentials are issued to a variety of Coloradans, including international students, refugees, undocumented immigrants, temporary workers, and pending asylees.



## THE ISSUE

While standard driver's licenses and I.D cards are available at any state driver's license office, individuals, especially pending asylees and refugees, still face barriers obtaining these credentials due to existing requirements for proof of identity and Colorado residency.

### 12-30 MONTH WAITING PERIOD

Applicants are required to provide proof of being a resident of the state for the immediately preceding 2 years and a filed income tax return for the preceding year.

### LIMITED ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

For proof of identity, applicants have the option to provide three acceptable identification documents from a person's country of origin

- passport
- consular identification card
- military identification document

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