



**SB18-108 Eligibility for the Colorado Roads and Community Safety Act  
House of Representatives Local Government Committee Hearing**

**Materials**

1. SB 18-108 Factsheet
2. SB 18-108 Frequently Asked Questions
3. ITIN Factsheet
4. SSN Factsheet
5. Colorado Fiscal Institute Impact of Immigrant Access to Driver Licenses

**Testimonies**

1. Fr. Cesar Hernandez, Episcopal Church of Colorado
2. Angela Cobian, Denver Public School Board
3. Kristine Rodrigues, Denver Health
4. Noraly Hernandez, Lamar Unidos
5. Itzel Olivas, Grupo Azteca de Trinidad

*The I Drive Colorado Campaign includes over 40 organizations dedicated to making our communities and roads safer and improving access for undocumented Coloradans to licenses and Identification documents.*



## SB18-108 Eligibility for the Colorado Roads and Community Safety Act

The SB13-251 Colorado Road and Community Safety Act provides driver's licenses to all Colorado residents, regardless of immigration status, since August of 2014. The SB251 program has provided documents to over 50,000 drivers; however, there are major inefficiencies in the program. SB18-108 seeks to clarify eligibility of identification documents by including valid Social Security Numbers and also works to improve the program's renewals process.

- **Clarifying Document Eligibility Strengthens Local Government Programs-** Based on an oversight in the original 2013 legislation, thousands of longtime Colorado residents are unable to access SB-251 licenses because they have a valid Social Security Number rather than an Individual Tax Identification Number. Historically, immigrants were able to obtain valid Social Security Numbers; however, due to changes with a series of federal policies this is no longer a feasible option. There are also individuals who previously had a temporary immigration status that granted them a valid Social Security Number. Once someone is issued a Social Security Number they cannot apply for Individual Tax identification Number, the sole qualifying eligibility document for SB-251 licenses.
- **Federal Inefficiencies are Threatening Coloradans Access to Licenses-** As Congress struggles to find a comprehensive solution for the end of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs, this places 18,700 Coloradans who benefit from these programs at risk of losing their ability to obtain or renew their driver's license. Both DACA and TPS include an issuance of a work permission and valid Social Security Number. This bill will effectively address the statewide need for Coloradans to maintain access to driver's licenses and continue to make our roads safe.
- **Improving Renewal Process Improves Program Efficiency -** SB251 documents are valid only for three years and cannot be renewed online. SB251 renewals began in August 2017, and currently all applicants must reapply for an appointment to renew their licenses. Many Coloradans have waited up to three years for an initial appointment to obtain their driver's license. This bill works to improve the SB-251 renewals process by allowing applicants to apply online or by mail.

*The I Drive Colorado Campaign includes over 40 organizations dedicated to making our communities and roads safer and improving access for undocumented Coloradans to licenses and Identification documents.*

**Para más información de SB18-108, por favor comuníquese con:**

Jeannie Vanderburg, The Capstone Group | 303.249.8150 | Jvanderburg@capstonegroupllc.com  
Elliot Williams, Siegel Public Affairs | 303-903-8598 | Elliot@siegelpa.com



## **SB18-108 Elegibilidad para el acto de carretas y comunidades seguras de Colorado**

La legislación SB13-251, el acto de carretas y comunidades seguras de Colorado, proporcionó licencias de conducir a todos los residentes de Colorado, independientemente de su estado migratorio, desde agosto de 2014. El programa SB-251 ha proporcionado licencias a más de 50,000 conductores; sin embargo, hay grandes ineficiencias en el programa. SB18-108 busca permitir que personas con Número de Seguro Social válido sean elegibles para el programa y también trabaja para mejorar el proceso de renovación del programa.

- **Aclarar la elegibilidad de las licencias refuerza los programas de gobiernos locales**  
Basado en una equivocación en la legislación original de 2013, miles de residentes de Colorado no pueden acceder a las licencias de SB-251 porque tienen un número de seguridad social válido en lugar de un número de identificación fiscal individual (ITIN). Históricamente, los inmigrantes podían obtener Números de Seguro Social válidos; sin embargo, debido a cambios con una serie de políticas federales esto ya no es una opción. También hay personas que anteriormente tenían un estatus de inmigración temporal que les otorgaba un Número de Seguro Social válido. Una vez que alguien recibe un Número de Seguro Social, no puede solicitar un ITIN. Ahora el ITIN es el único documento que califica para licencias SB-251. SB18-108 haría que los Números de Seguro Social también sean válidos para elegibilidad en el programa.
- **Ineficiencias federales están amenazando el acceso a licencias de los residentes de Colorado:**  
Mientras el Congreso lucha para encontrar una solución respecto a la terminación de los Programas de Acción Diferida para los que Llegaron como Niños (DACA) y del Estatus Temporal de Protección (TPS), esto coloca a 18,700 Coloradenses que se benefician de estos programas en riesgo de perder su capacidad de obtener o renovar su licencia de conducir. Tanto DACA como TPS permiten que los que califican reciban un permiso de trabajo y un Número de Seguro Social válido, y una vez que reciben Seguro no pueden obtener un ITIN. Este proyecto de ley permitiría que los habitantes de Colorado mantengan el acceso a las licencias de conducir y continuará haciendo que nuestras carreteras sean seguras.
- **Mejorar el proceso de renovación, mejorara la eficiencia del programa:**  
Los documentos (licencias/ documento de identificación) SB-251 son válidos solo por tres años y no pueden renovarse en línea. Las renovaciones SB-251 comenzaron en agosto de 2017, y actualmente todos los solicitantes deben volver a solicitar una cita para renovar sus licencias. Muchos residentes de Colorado han esperado hasta tres años para una cita inicial para obtener su licencia de conducir. Este proyecto de ley busca mejorar el proceso de renovación del SB-251 al permitir que los solicitantes presenten su solicitud en línea o por correo.

*La campaña de Yo Manejo CO incluye 40 organizaciones colaborando para hacer nuestras comunidades y carreteras más seguras y mejorar el acceso de licencias e IDs para los Coloradenses inmigrantes.*

**Para más información de SB18-108, por favor comuníquese con:**

Jeannie Vanderburg, The Capstone Group | 303.249.8150 | [Jvanderburg@capstonegroupllc.com](mailto:Jvanderburg@capstonegroupllc.com)  
Elliot Williams, Siegel Public Affairs | 303-903-8598 | [Elliot@siegelpa.com](mailto:Elliot@siegelpa.com)



## SB18-108 Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number?**

An Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is a tax processing number issued by the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS issues ITINs to individuals who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who do not have, and are not eligible to obtain a Social Security Number (SSN) from the Social Security Administration (SSA). ITINs are issued regardless of immigration status. ITINs are for federal tax reporting only, and are not intended to serve any other purpose. ITIN's do not authorize someone to work in the United States, provide eligibility for Social Security benefits, and qualify a dependent for the Earned Income Tax Credit. ITINs were created by the IRS after the passage of comprehensive welfare reform in the United States in 1996<sup>1</sup>.

### **Why would an undocumented individual have a valid Social Security Number?**

Prior to the passage of the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, immigrants of all different status classifications received valid personal Social Security Numbers. Post 1996, these same individuals began receiving ITINs instead.

Currently, there are also currently several visas that allow immigrants to apply for Social Security Numbers.<sup>2</sup> If someone overstays their visa they will no longer obtain legal status but they will still have their valid personal Social Security Number. Recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are also eligible for valid personal Social Security Numbers.<sup>3</sup>

### **How does the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles protect against fraudulent use of Social Security Numbers?**

The Division of Motor Vehicles is half way through the implementation of their brand new system the Colorado Driver License, Record, Identification and Vehicle Enterprise Solution (Colorado DRIVES). The Colorado DRIVES system which went live at DMVs across the state in March 2017 has the capability to verify Social Security Numbers through the Social Security Online Verification Program (SSOLV) within the US Social Security Administration.<sup>4</sup> All driver license applicants that are required to provide a Social Security Number are also required to have that Social Security Number verified through SSOLV. If an individual is using a Social Security Number fraudulently they will not pass the SSOLV verification.

*The I Drive Colorado Campaign includes over 40 organizations dedicated to making our communities and roads safer and improving access for undocumented Coloradans to licenses and Identification documents.*

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/general-itin-information>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10107.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/deferred\\_action.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/deferred_action.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.aamva.org/SSOLV/>