

New Driver's License Law

On January 8, 2013, the Illinois House of Representatives passed bill SB 957 which allows the Secretary of State to issue Temporary Valid Driver's Licenses (TVDLs) to undocumented immigrants.

The TVDL is an existing document that is now available to many foreign-born individuals living in Illinois, such foreign students, spouses and children of temporary workers, long-term visitors, and others who are not authorized to work under our immigration laws. Many of these individuals need to drive on a regular basis to get to classes, shop, take their children to school, or attend to other family and personal business. SB 957 makes TVDLs available to undocumented motorists who also need to drive for these purposes.

To qualify for a TVDL, an undocumented immigrant must

- Prove that she has lived in Illinois for at least one year;
- Provide a valid unexpired passport or consular ID;
- Provide other proof of her identity and residency that the Secretary of State might require;
- Provide documentation that she is not eligible for a Social Security Number;
- Pass all applicable vision, written, and road tests;
- Show proof of insurance for the vehicle she uses for the road test;
- Pay a \$30 fee.

The bill will go into effect later this year, 10 months after Gov. Quinn signs it into law.

The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) has published a report further explaining TVDLs. [Click here](#) to view the report.