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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, special provisions are  
9 provided for a foreign national to obtain a  
10 driver's license. The term "foreign national"  
11 includes a person who is not a citizen or a lawful  
12 permanent resident of the United States.

13 This bill would delete from the definition  
14 of a "foreign national" a person who is not a  
15 lawful permanent resident of the United States.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 To amend Section 32-6-10.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
22 relating to the issuance of driver's licenses to foreign  
23 nationals, to further provide for the definition of a foreign  
24 national.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-6-10.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
27 is amended to read as follows:

1           "§32-6-10.1.

2           "(a) For the purposes of this section, the term  
3 "foreign national" shall mean a person who is not a citizen ~~or~~  
4 ~~lawful permanent resident~~ of the United States.

5           "(b) The application for an Alabama driver's  
6 license/non-driver identification card/vessel license to be  
7 issued to a foreign national shall contain, in addition to the  
8 information on the established application, the applicant's  
9 country of origin and the expiration date of the acceptable  
10 form of immigration documentation as outlined in this section.

11           "(c) Applications for a foreign national Alabama  
12 driver's license/non-driver identification card/vessel license  
13 shall be processed only at driver's license offices designated  
14 by the Director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

15           "(d) The driver's license/non-driver identification  
16 card/vessel license issued to a foreign national shall include  
17 a designation that the license is issued to a foreign national  
18 in a manner set forth by the Director of the Department of  
19 Public Safety on the license.

20           "(e) The driver's license/non-driver identification  
21 card/vessel license issued to a foreign national shall expire  
22 on the date of the expiration of the acceptable form of  
23 immigration documentation provided at the time of application.

24           "(f) In order for a foreign national to renew the  
25 driver's license/non-driver identification card/vessel  
26 license, the applicant must re-initiate the licensing process  
27 in the same manner as a first-time applicant.

1                   "(g) Under no circumstances shall the department  
2                   issue a driver's license/non-driver identification card/vessel  
3                   license for a period of less than 160 days.

4                   "(h) The Director of the Department of Public Safety  
5                   shall establish and promulgate rules and regulations  
6                   concerning the enforcement of this section."

7                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8                   immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9                   Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.