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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 27-16-1105 TO PROVIDE
9 DISCRETION TO THE OFFICE OF DRIVER SERVICES REGARDING
10 ACCEPTANCE OF DOCUMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR ISSUANCE OF A
11 DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO PROVIDE DISCRETION TO THE OFFICE OF
17 DRIVER SERVICES REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF
18 DOCUMENTS TO QUALIFY FOR A DRIVER'S
19 LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-1105(a)(1), concerning the minimum
25 issuance standards for driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) Except as provided under subdivisions (a)(2), (a)(3), and
27 (b)(1) of this section regarding the renewal, duplication, or reissuance of a
28 driver's license or identification card, to meet the requirements of this
29 section the Office of Driver Services shall require at a minimum presentation
30 of the following information before issuing a driver's license or
31 identification card to a person:

32 (A) A photo identity document, except that a nonphoto
33 identity document is acceptable if it includes both the person's full legal
34 name and date of birth;

35 (B) Documentation showing the person's date of birth;

36 (C) Proof of the person's social security account number



1 or verification that the person is not eligible for a social security account
 2 number; and

3 (D) Evidence of legal status that includes valid
 4 documentary evidence that the person:

- 5 (i) Is a citizen of the United States;
- 6 (ii) Is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or
 7 temporary residence in the United States;
- 8 (iii) Has conditional permanent resident status in
 9 the United States;
- 10 (iv) Has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or
 11 nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the United States;
- 12 (v) Has a pending or approved application for asylum
 13 in the United States;
- 14 (vi) Has entered into the United States in refugee
 15 status;
- 16 (vii) Has a pending or approved application for
 17 temporary protected status in the United States;
- 18 (viii) Has approved deferred action status; or
- 19 (ix) Has a pending application for adjustment of
 20 status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the
 21 United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

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 23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-1105(a), concerning the minimum
 24 issuance standards for driver's licenses, is amended to add an additional
 25 subdivision to read as follows:

26 (3) The office may establish a written and defined exceptions
 27 process for a person who, for reasons beyond his or her control, is unable to
 28 present all the necessary documents and must rely on alternate documents to
 29 establish identity or date of birth.