

## Assembly Bill No. 1465

### CHAPTER 708

An act to amend, repeal, and add Section 12801.5 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1465, Gordon. Driver's licenses.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue driver's licenses to applicants who meet specified criteria and provide the department with the required information. Existing law generally requires an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof to the department that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

This bill would also require, beginning July 1, 2016, an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof of California residency, and would prohibit the department from issuing an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof of California residency. The bill would require the department to adopt regulations relating to the procedures for verifying that the applicant is a California resident.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 12801.5 of the Vehicle Code, as added by Section 13 of Chapter 524 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

12801.5. (a) Except as provided in Section 12801.9, the department shall require an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(b) Except as provided in Section 12801.9, the department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(c) The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for (1) verifying that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law, (2) issuance of a temporary license pending verification of the applicant's status, and (3) hearings to appeal a denial of a license, temporary license, or identification card.

(d) On January 10 of each year, the department shall submit a supplemental budget report to the Governor and the Legislature detailing the costs of verifying the citizenship or legal residency of applicants for driver's licenses and identification cards, in order for the state to request reimbursement from the federal government.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 40300 or any other law, a peace officer shall not detain or arrest a person solely on the belief that the person is an unlicensed driver, unless the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person driving is under 16 years of age.

(f) The inability of an individual to obtain a driver's license pursuant to this section does not abrogate or diminish in any respect the legal requirement of every driver in this state to obey the motor vehicle laws of this state, including laws with respect to licensing, motor vehicle registration, and financial responsibility.

(g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2015, or on the date that the director executes a declaration pursuant to Section 12801.11, whichever is sooner.

(h) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2016, or the effective date of a final judicial determination made by any court of appellate jurisdiction that any provision of the act that added this section, or its application, either in whole or in part, is enjoined, found unconstitutional, or held invalid for any reason, whichever is sooner, and, as of January 1, 2017, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes effective on or before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed. The department shall post information relating to a final judicial determination on its Internet Web site.

SEC. 2. Section 12801.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

12801.5. (a) Except as provided in Section 12801.9, the department shall require an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof of California residency and that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(b) Except as provided in Section 12801.9, the department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(c) The department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof of California residency.

(d) The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for (1) verifying that the applicant is a California resident and that his or her presence in the United States is authorized under federal law, (2) issuance of a temporary license pending verification of the applicant's status, and (3) hearings to appeal a denial of a license, temporary license, or identification card.

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(g) The inability of an individual to obtain a driver's license pursuant to this section does not abrogate or diminish in any respect the legal requirement of every driver in this state to obey the motor vehicle laws of this state, including laws with respect to licensing, motor vehicle registration, and financial responsibility.

(h) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2016.

(i) This section shall become inoperative on the effective date of a final judicial determination made by any court of appellate jurisdiction that any provision of the act that added this section, or its application, either in whole or in part, is enjoined, found unconstitutional, or held invalid for any reason. The department shall post this information on its Internet Web site.

SEC. 3. Section 12801.5 of the Vehicle Code, as added by Section 14 of Chapter 524 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

12801.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall require an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(b) The department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(c) The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for (1) verifying that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law, (2) issuance of a temporary license pending verification of the applicant's status, and (3) hearings to appeal a denial of a license, temporary license, or identification card.

(d) On January 10 of each year, the department shall submit a supplemental budget report to the Governor and the Legislature detailing the costs of verifying the citizenship or legal residency of applicants for driver's licenses and identification cards, in order for the state to request reimbursement from the federal government.

(e) Notwithstanding Section 40300 or any other law, a peace officer shall not detain or arrest a person solely on the belief that the person is an unlicensed driver, unless the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person driving is under 16 years of age.

(f) The inability of an individual to obtain a driver's license pursuant to this section does not abrogate or diminish in any respect the legal requirement of every driver in this state to obey the motor vehicle laws of this state, including laws with respect to licensing, motor vehicle registration, and financial responsibility.

(g) This section shall become operative on the effective date of a final judicial determination made by any court of appellate jurisdiction that any provision of the act that added this section, or its application, either in whole or in part, is enjoined, found unconstitutional, or held invalid for any reason. The department shall post this information on its Internet Web site.

(h) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2016, and, as of January 1, 2017, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 12801.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

12801.5. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall require an applicant for an original driver's license or identification card to submit satisfactory proof of California residency and that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(b) The department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.

(c) The department shall not issue an original driver's license or identification card to a person who does not submit satisfactory proof of California residency.

(d) The department shall adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for (1) verifying that the applicant is a California resident and that his or her presence in the United States is authorized under federal law, (2) issuance of a temporary license pending verification of the applicant's status, and (3) hearings to appeal a denial of a license, temporary license, or identification card.

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(h) This section shall become operative on the effective date of a final judicial determination made by any court of appellate jurisdiction that any provision of the act that added this section, or its application, either in whole

or in part, is enjoined, found unconstitutional, or held invalid for any reason. The department shall post this information on its Internet Web site.

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