



**House  
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**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO  
GET DRIVER'S LICENSE, ID CARD**

**House Bill 5785**

**Sponsor: Rep. Roland Jersevic**

**House Bill 5786**

**Sponsor: Rep. Jack Horton**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 5-1-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5785 AND 5786 AS INTRODUCED 4-23-96**

Currently, both the Michigan Vehicle Code (which governs issuance of the official state driver's license) and Public Act 222 of 1972 (which provides for the issuance of the official state personal identification card) generally require a person to be a resident of the state in order to apply for and qualify for an official driver's license or state ID card. The bills would amend the acts to specify that someone would have to be either a U.S. citizen or legal alien as well as a Michigan resident to obtain a driver's license or ID card.

In addition, both acts authorize the secretary of state to require someone applying for a driver's license or ID card to produce one or more official documents which show the person's age and other identifying information. Under the bills, if the secretary of state had reasonable cause to believe an applicant had provided false documentation and was an illegal alien, it could report this to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

House Bill 5785 would amend the vehicle code (MCL 257.51a and 257.209), and House Bill 5786 would amend Public Act 222 of 1972 (MCL 28.291).

House Bills 5785 and 5786 (5-1-96)

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