

What is SB251?

SB 251, the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act, is a bill that would give driver's licenses to all Colorado residents regardless of immigration status. It is not yet law. It has passed the Senate and three house committees, and has three more steps left to go before May 9.

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Would the license be different from other licenses?

Yes. The license would state on the front "not valid for federal identification, voting, or public benefit purposes." The campaign Driver's Licenses for All fought to have the same license as everybody else, but state and federal laws have made this difficult. The government of Colorado voluntarily adopted a federal law called the REAL ID Act, and because of this the state requires people to prove citizenship or lawful presence to get an ID. Under this federal law, states can still issue IDs such as licenses to those without lawful presence, but such IDs cannot be used for federal purposes and must be clearly state this and be visibly distinct.

Despite creating a distinct license, we believe this bill achieves our goal of increasing the safety of our communities and our roads by providing a valid driver's license that would be accepted by law enforcement.

What are federal purposes? Does that mean we can't get on a plane?

Federal purposes include boarding an airplane, entering a federal building or entering a nuclear facility. People would still be able to fly by showing their passport.

How can I learn more?

Call Ignacio Ramirez at (720) 935-6148

Or visit www.sb251.com or the Facebook page "Driver's license for all Coloradans"

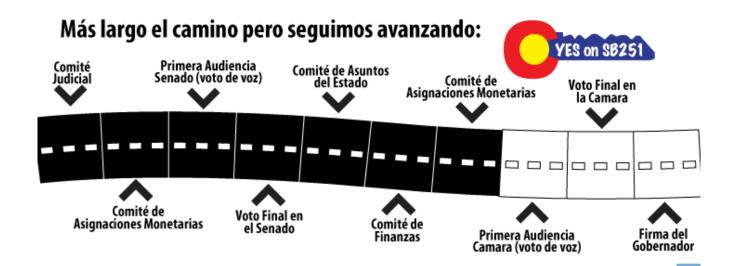


What can I do?

We need your help to succeed! Please call your elected representative, along with house Governor John Hickenlooper. If you leave a message, just leave your name, where you live, and ask them to support SB 251, the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act.

You can find your district and representative online at votesmart.org





Frequently Asked Questions

Is it already a law? When will we know if it becomes a law?

No, it is a bill that has to be approved by the House of Representatives and the Governor before it becomes a law. Wednesday, May 8th is the last day the legislature can vote on the bill, so we should know by then if the Colorado House and Senate approve it. However, it will still need a signature from the governor to become law. That is why we're asking everyone to call their representatives and governor to support SB 251, the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act.

Who would get this new license?

Immigrants with temporary status and people without lawful presence – for example: students, DACA grantees, and undocumented immigrants. Lawful permanent residents would still get the same ID as citizens.

When would it go into effect?

August 2014

What would the requirements of a license be?

- Valid photo ID from your country of origin a passport, consular or military identification
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
 (ITIN) (a substitute for a social security number)
- Proof you paid taxes in Colorado for the past year
 - OR, proof that you have lived in Colorado continuously for the past two years (i.e. rent or mortgage payments, or utility bills)
- A signed affidavit or oath stating that you will apply for legal immigration status as soon as you can
- If under 18 years of age you have to go through training before obtaining a license.

***These requirements can be CHANGED as the bill moves through the state legislature

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