

SB 308 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **308**

AN ACT relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 13; Rep. Sullivan, Sull. 1; Rep. McWilliams, Merr. 27

COMMITTEE: Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits a nonresident employed in New Hampshire through the federal H-2A temporary agricultural worker program from operating a motor vehicle unless they possess a license issued by another U.S. jurisdiction or meet other listed requirements.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT relative to driver's licenses for certain visa holders.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 New Section; International Driver's License Reciprocity for H-2A Workers. Amend RSA 263  
2 by inserting after section 35 the following new section:

3 263:35-a International Driver's License Reciprocity for H-2A Workers. Notwithstanding RSA  
4 263:35, or any other law to the contrary, a nonresident employed in New Hampshire through the  
5 federal H-2A temporary agricultural worker program shall not operate a motor vehicle in New  
6 Hampshire unless:

7 I. He or she holds a valid driver's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle issued by  
8 another U.S. jurisdiction; or

9 II. He or she holds a valid driver's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle from a  
10 jurisdiction outside the United States and:

11 (a) Is at least 18 years of age;

12 (b) Is lawfully present in the United States;

13 (c) Has been present in the United States for less than one year; and

14 (d) He or she possesses an international driving permit if their license issued from a  
15 jurisdiction outside the United States is not written in English.

16 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.