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SENATE BILL ***187-FN***

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

SPONSORS: Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9;
Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Rep. Sykes, Graf. 14

COMMITTEE: Transportation

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.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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

1 220:1 New Section; International Driver's License Reciprocity for H-2A Workers. Amend RSA 263 by
2 inserting after section 35 the following new section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 III. Nonresidents who satisfy the requirements under this section shall have a maximum of 300
16 days from the date their residency was established to obtain a driver's license issued by the state of New
17 Hampshire.

18 220:2 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. Amend RSA 263:35 to read as
19 follows:

20 263:35 Nonresident Who Establishes a Residency in the State. Notwithstanding the provisions of
21 RSA 261:44 or any other law to the contrary, any nonresident driver of a motor vehicle who holds a valid
22 driver's license in another jurisdiction, upon the establishment of a bona fide residency in this state, shall
23 have a maximum of 60 days from the date his *or her* residency was established to obtain a driver's license
24 issued by the state of New Hampshire; ***provided that H-2A temporary agricultural workers satisfying the***
25 ***requirements under RSA 263:35-a shall have a maximum of 300 days.***

26 220:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: August 04, 2023
Effective Date: October 03, 2023

