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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2026

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Citizenship Docu-
3 mented License Act” or the “CDL Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERALLY-RECOGNIZED**
5 **DRIVER’S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION**
6 **CARDS TO INDICATE WHETHER THE HOLDER**
7 **IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202(b) of the REAL ID
9 Act of 2005 (division B of Public Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C.
10 30301 note) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(10) Indication that the person is a United
13 States citizen or is not a United States citizen.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The re-
15 quirement described in section 202(b)(10) of the REAL
16 ID Act of 2005, as added by subsection (a), shall only
17 apply to State-issued driver’s licenses and identification
18 cards issued on or after the date that is 60 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DRIV-**
21 **ER’S LICENSES AND NON-DOMICILE COMMER-**
22 **CIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES TO WARRANT FED-**
23 **ERAL RECOGNITION.**

24 Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (division B of
25 Public Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C. 30301 note) is amended
26 by inserting after section 202 the following:

1 **“SEC. 202A. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL**
 2 **DRIVER’S LICENSES AND NON-DOMICILE**
 3 **COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSES TO WAR-**
 4 **RANT FEDERAL RECOGNITION.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), a Fed-
 6 eral agency may not accept, for any official purpose, a
 7 commercial driver’s license issued by a State to any person
 8 unless the State, before issuing such a license—

9 “(1) required the person to present, and
 10 verified the validity of, the information described in
 11 section 202(c)(1); and

12 “(2) has verified the person is—

13 “(A) a national of the United States (as
 14 defined in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigra-
 15 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
 16 1101(a)(22)));

17 “(B) an alien lawfully admitted for perma-
 18 nent residence (as defined in section 101(a)(20)
 19 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(20))); or

20 “(C) a nonimmigrant described in subpara-
 21 graph (E)(ii), (H)(ii)(a), or (H)(ii)(b) of section
 22 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality
 23 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) who is in possession
 24 of a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa issued
 25 to such nonimmigrant.

1 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The provisions relating to min-
2 imum issuance standards set forth in clauses (v) through
3 (ix) of subparagraph (B) and subparagraph (C) of section
4 202(c)(2) shall not apply to the issuance of a commercial
5 driver’s license under subsection (a).”.

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