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**White Announces Temporary Visitor Drivers License (TVDL) for Undocumented Immigrants to be Available in Approximately 10 Months**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today at a bill signing with Governor Pat Quinn that Senate Bill 957, which was approved by the General Assembly and establishes a temporary visitor driver's license (TVDL) for undocumented immigrants, that applicants may begin applying for the TVDL's in approximately ten months. White noted that the legislation specifically created a 10-month delayed effective date for his office to implement the program thoughtfully, efficiently and effectively.

"Now that this legislation has passed the General Assembly and Governor Quinn has signed it into law, it is my office's responsibility to implement it in a way that improves road safety and underscores the importance of license integrity and security," White said. "At its core, this law will make the roads safer for everyone."

White highlighted the vast differences between a standard driver's license and a TVDL. While the standard driver's license has a red border on top and may be used for driving purposes and for identification, the TVDL has a purple border on top and the card is marked, "Not valid for identification." In addition, the TVDL is invalid without auto insurance.

The procedures to obtain a TVDL will be different from those for a standard driver's license as well. Applicants for a standard driver's license may visit any Driver Services facility and may obtain their license on the same day of their visit. Applicants for a TVDL must make an appointment in advance and, on the date of their appointment, must visit a specifically designated facility.

TVDL applicants must prove they have been residents living in Illinois for at least one year, and they must present a variety of documents that White's office will verify at a central location for authenticity. This includes a letter of ineligibility for a social security card, proof of signature, proof of date of birth, two documents that prove one year of residency, and a valid passport from their native country or a Consular Identification card. A photo of the applicant will be taken and then run through the state's facial recognition database. Not until these steps have been successfully completed will the applicant receive their TVDL at a later date.

"I want to reassure the public that my office will implement this law thoughtfully, efficiently and effectively," said White. "We will ensure that the TVDL is a safe and secure document. This law will improve road safety and will guarantee that more drivers will purchase and maintain auto insurance."

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