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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 189

Short Title: REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE/I.D.

Summary:

- Requires anyone applying for a state of Alaska driver's license or ID card to be a U.S. citizen or be legally authorized to be in the U.S. under federal law.
- Prevents individuals with time limited legal status from obtaining a driver's license or ID card with an expiration date later than the allowable length of stay, and if the authorized stay is indefinite, the ID expires one year from date of issue.

Benefits:

- Ensures that state issued driver's licenses or ID cards are only provided to individuals allowed to be in the United States.
- Encourages non-U.S. citizens to keep their legal permission to be in the United States current.
- Brings Alaska laws into compliance with the new federal Real ID Act that requires states to see proper documentation before any state can issue driver's licenses and ID cards.

Background:

- On May 11, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Real ID Act. It requires every state to see proof of U.S. citizenship or documents granting legal permission to be in the country before issuing driver's licenses and ID cards. SB 189 brings state statutes into compliance with the federal law. It increases homeland security by making it more difficult for potential terrorists to obtain state issued driver's licenses and identification cards.