

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

---

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of issuing driving cards to residents of Indiana who cannot provide proof of identity and lawful status in the United States.

---

**NIEZGODSKI**

---

\_\_\_\_\_, read first time and referred to Committee on

---

---



Introduced

First Regular Session 122nd General Assembly (2021)

## SENATE RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council  
2 to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the topic of  
3 issuing driving cards to residents of Indiana who cannot provide  
4 proof of identity and lawful status in the United States.

5           *Whereas, Having a driver's license is a modern day*  
6 *necessity that provides people with the mobility necessary to*  
7 *pursue job opportunities, buy food, take care of family*  
8 *members, and receive an education;*

9           *Whereas, Indiana is home to around 100,000*  
10 *undocumented immigrants, all of whom are unable to obtain a*  
11 *driver's license due to their inability to provide proof of their*  
12 *identity and lawful status in the United States;*

13           *Whereas, Allowing undocumented immigrants to hold*  
14 *driving cards is a safe, alternative solution to show proof-of-*  
15 *driving qualifications and provide undocumented immigrants*  
16 *with the opportunity to drive legally, receive the proper driving*  
17 *training, and pursue opportunities that would otherwise be*  
18 *limited without the ability to legally drive;*

19           *Whereas, The inability to legally drive is a barrier that is*



1 *problematic for both undocumented immigrants and all*  
2 *Hoosiers, as right now undocumented immigrants are forced to*  
3 *drive without the proper training and car insurance, whereas*  
4 *providing the opportunity to legally drive would ensure that all*  
5 *Hoosier drivers receive the proper training necessary to safely*  
6 *operate motor vehicles;*

7 *Whereas, Issuing driving cards to undocumented*  
8 *immigrants would stimulate Indiana's economy by increasing*  
9 *automobile insurance companies' revenue by \$68,000,000 over*  
10 *the first three years of offering driving cards, as well as result*  
11 *in a total increase of consumption between \$17,000,000 and*  
12 *\$23,500,000 per year for the Indiana economy solely from*  
13 *labor-side effects;*

14 *Whereas, Driving cards would make Indiana roads safer,*  
15 *as it is estimated that within two years of providing access to*  
16 *driving cards, Indiana would decrease its fatal hit and run*  
17 *incidence rate by 3.6% which would bring Indiana from*  
18 *currently being above the national average for traffic fatalities*  
19 *to below the national average; and*

20 *Whereas, Driving cards would not suffice for federal*  
21 *identification purposes, do not offer a path to citizenship, and*  
22 *are not valid or able to be used for voting purposes, rather,*  
23 *their entire purpose is to make Indiana roads safer and to*  
24 *provide opportunities for undocumented immigrants to live and*  
25 *work without the constant fear of deportation: Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
27 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the legislative  
29 council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic  
30 of issuing driving cards to residents of Indiana who cannot  
31 provide proof of identity and lawful status in the United States.

