

HOUSE BILL 260

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 50 and Title 57, relative to aliens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-58-103(d), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (d)(1) and (2), if a state or local governmental entity is not able to verify a nonresident alien's status through the SAVE program or the SEVIS system, then the nonresident alien may apply for a public benefit if the alien signs an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the nonresident alien:

(A) Holds a valid J-1 visa for participation in the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program and the nonresident alien is seeking a professional or commercial license from the state or local governmental entity for purposes of employment in this state in a manner consistent with federal law governing the employment of J-1 visa holders;

(B) Holds a valid H-2B visa and the nonresident alien is seeking employment in this state in a manner consistent with federal law governing the employment of H-2B visa holders; or

(C) Holds a valid visa for participation in an international culinary internship program and the nonresident alien is seeking employment or an internship in this state consistent with federal law governing international culinary internship programs.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.