

ICIRR Springfield 2023 Legislative & Policy Updates



ICIRR ILLINOIS COALITION
FOR IMMIGRANT AND
REFUGEE RIGHTS

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Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

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In partnership with our member organizations, the Coalition is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society.

Agenda



- I. Driver License**
 - II. Medical Debt Prevention**
 - III. Immigrant Services Line Item (ISLI)**
 - IV. Q and A**
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Driver's License and IDs for ALL

HB 3882/SB 2397

Problems with Existing Driver's License Laws

- TVDLs look different from standard driver's licenses that people with Social Security Numbers can receive.
 - TVDLs are not valid for identification purposes, even though people who have them need to provide other proof of identity when they apply. TVDL holders must carry multiple documents in order to prove who they are and that they are authorized to drive.
 - People from certain countries cannot get their passports renewed and therefore cannot meet the TVDL requirement for a valid current passport.
 - Georgetown Law Center reports that the Illinois Secretary of State (SOS) has at least once sold driver information to third-party data brokers, who have in turn sold this information to ICE.
 - Even without data sales, SOS shares its database of licensed drivers with the Illinois State Police as part of the LEADS system, which US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) can search.
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Current licenses in IL



Protect Illinoisans from Unfair Medical Debt, HB 2719

This law:

- Will require hospitals to screen uninsured patients for hospital financial assistance and eligibility for public health insurance.
 - Will require hospitals to assist eligible uninsured patients in applying for hospital financial assistance and refer patients who are eligible for public health insurance (Medicaid, HBIA/ HBIS, VTTC, etc.) to an organization who can assist with the process of applying for public health insurance benefits.
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Our legislation has the potential to improve healthcare access for all by:

- Preventing medical debt for uninsured patients
 - Improving health outcomes for uninsured individuals through an economic equity lens
 - Providing hospitals with insurance payments for uninsured patient services that otherwise would not be reimbursed.
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Immigrant Services Line Item (ISLI)

- **New Americans Initiative** (NAI): assists legal permanent residents apply for naturalization
 - **Immigrant Family Resource Program** (IFRP): assists limited English proficient individuals apply for various health and human services programs
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Next steps

- Both legislations were sent to the governor and are awaiting his signature:
 - Driver's License legislation will take effect July 1, 2024.
 - Medical Prevention legislation will take effect January 1, 2024.

Additional Services

NAI \$1 mill scholarships for DACA and another \$1 mill for naturalization fees

IFRP Additional services -Afghan, Ukrainians and southern border arrivals (SBA)

For more information about our various state-funded programs you can visit:

<https://www.icirr.org/programs-and-services>

Additional Resources

- ICIRR's 2023 policy platform: <https://www.icirr.org/icirr-policy-platform-2023>
- ICIRR: www.icirr.org/healthcare-access
- NAI: <https://www.icirr.org/nai>
- IFRP: <https://www.icirr.org/public-benefits-access>

Thank you!



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