1	SENATE BILL 14
2	50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012
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10	AN ACT
11	RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT; ENACTING THE GUEST WORKER ACT; CREATING
12	A GUEST WORKER PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN NEW MEXICO RESIDENT FOREIGN
13	NATIONALS; DIRECTING THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS DEPARTMENT TO WORK
14	WITH THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OF
15	THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REGARDING
16	IMMIGRATION REFORM; PROVIDING FOR DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARDS FOR
17	CERTAIN NEW MEXICO RESIDENT FOREIGN NATIONALS; CREATING
18	PENALTIES; CREATING A FUND; IMPOSING FEES; MAKING AN
19	APPROPRIATION.
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
22	SECTION 1. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] SHORT TITLESections 1
23	through 23 of this act may be cited as the "Guest Worker Act".
24	SECTION 2. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] PURPOSE OF ACTThe purpose of
25	the Guest Worker Act is to enable employers to hire necessary
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1 workers without breaking the law, to protect jobs and wages for 2 New Mexico residents, to enable necessary foreign national 3 workers to obtain jobs without living in fear of deportation or potential employer abuse, to ensure that all foreign national 4 workers contribute their fair share to funding public services, 5 to improve security through better documentation and tracking 6 7 of foreign nationals and to end the inappropriate use of New Mexico driver's licenses as federal identification. 8 The intent of the Guest Worker Act is to have the state of New Mexico work 9 in partnership with the federal government to achieve effective 10 immigration reform that improves New Mexico's security and 11 12 prosperity and fosters a consistent, reliable and understandable immigration policy for all New Mexicans. 13

SECTION 3. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Guest Worker Act:

A. "department" means the workforce solutions department;

B. "employee" means an individual employed by an employer under a contract for hire;

C. "employer" means a person who has one or more employees employed in the same business, or in or about the same establishment, under any contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written;

D. "e-verify program" means the electronic verification of the work authorization program of the federal .188004.2

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Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of
 1996, 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1324a;

E. "federal SAVE program" means the systematic alien verification for entitlements program operated by the United States department of homeland security or an equivalent program designated by the department of homeland security;

7 F. "guest worker" means an undocumented individual8 who holds a guest worker permit;

9 G. "guest worker permit" means a permit issued in
10 accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Guest
11 Worker Act to an undocumented individual who meets the
12 eligibility criteria provided in Section 13 of the Guest Worker
13 Act;

H. "immediate family" means:

(1) an undocumented individual's spouse;
 (2) a dependent parent of an undocumented individual; or

(3) a child of an undocumented individual if
the child is:

(a) under twenty-one years of age; and

(b) unmarried;

I. "immediate family permit" means a permit issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Guest Worker Act to an undocumented individual who meets the eligibility criteria provided in Section 14 of Guest Worker .188004.2

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2 J. "nm-verify program" means the verification procedure developed by the department in accordance with 3 Section 16 of the Guest Worker Act; 4 К. "permit holder" means an undocumented individual 5 who holds a guest worker permit or an immediate family permit; 6 7 L. "program start date" means the day on which the department is required to implement the guest worker program 8 9 pursuant to Section 8 of the Guest Worker Act; "relevant contact information" means: 10 Μ. an undocumented individual's name, (1)11 12 residential address, residential telephone number and personal email address; 13 the name of the undocumented individual's 14 (2) employer, if the individual is employed, and the name, address 15 and telephone number of a contact person for that employer; 16 the names of an undocumented individual's 17 (3) immediate family members and the names of the family members 18 who reside with the undocumented individual; and 19 20 (4) any other information required by the department by rule; 21 N. "status verification system" means an electronic 22 system operated by the federal government, through which an 23 authorized official of a state agency or a political 24 subdivision of a state may inquire, by exercise of authority 25 .188004.2

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1 delegated pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1373, to verify the 2 citizenship or immigration status of an individual within the jurisdiction of the state agency or political subdivision for a 3 purpose authorized under this section. "Status verification 4 system" includes: 5 the e-verify program; 6 (1) 7 (2) a federal program designated by the United States department of homeland security or other federal agency 8 9 authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and 10 Control Act of 1986; or 11 12 (3) the social security number verification service or similar online verification service implemented by 13 14 the United States social security administration; "unauthorized alien" means "unauthorized alien" 0. 15 as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1324a(h)(3); and 16 Ρ. "undocumented individual" means an individual 17 who: 18 lives or works in the state; and 19 (1)20 (2) is not in compliance with the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 et seq., 21 with regard to presence in the United States. 22 SECTION 4. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] DETERMINING IMMIGRATION 23 STATUS--TRANSFER OR MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION .-- Except as 24 limited by federal law and the Guest Worker Act, the state and 25 .188004.2 - 5 -

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local governments are not restricted or prohibited in any way from sending, receiving or maintaining information related to the lawful or unlawful immigration status of an individual by communicating with any federal, state or local governmental entity for any lawful purpose, including:

determining an individual's eligibility for any Α. public benefit, service or license provided by a federal agency, the state or a political subdivision of the state;

Β. confirming an individual's claim of residence or domicile if determination is required by state law or a judicial order issued pursuant to a civil or criminal proceeding in this state;

C. if the individual is a foreign national, determining if the individual is in compliance with the federal registration laws under 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1301 through 1306; or

D. requesting verification of the citizenship or immigration status of any person pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1373.

[NEW MATERIAL] DEPARTMENT TO CREATE GUEST SECTION 5. WORKER PROGRAM .--

The department shall create and administer the Α. "guest worker program" under which the department shall:

issue a guest worker permit or immediate (1) family permit;

establish fees for filings or services (2) .188004.2

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1 required by the Guest Worker Act; 2 establish penalties required by the Guest (3) 3 Worker Act; track and maintain information regarding 4 (4) the number of guest worker permits, types of employment in 5 which guest worker permit holders are employed and employer 6 7 violations of the Guest Worker Act; and report annually to the governor and the 8 (5) 9 legislature. The department may make rules to the extent 10 Β. expressly provided for in the Guest Worker Act. 11 12 C. In implementing the Guest Worker Act, the department shall cooperate with other state agencies to 13 minimize any duplication in databases or services. 14 SECTION 6. [NEW MATERIAL] GUEST WORKER PROGRAM TASK FORCE 15 CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--DUTIES.--16 The "guest worker program task force" is 17 Α. The task force shall function from the effective date 18 created. 19 of the Guest Worker Act. 20 Β. The task force is composed of the following members: 21 one majority party member and one minority (1)22 party member of the house of representatives, appointed by the 23 New Mexico legislative council; 24 one majority party member and one minority 25 (2) .188004.2 - 7 -

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1 party member of the senate, appointed by the New Mexico 2 legislative council; the secretary of economic development; 3 (3) the secretary of workforce solutions; and 4 (4) 5 (5) the director of the New Mexico department of agriculture. 6 7 C. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by appointment by the original appointing authority. 8 9 D. Members of the task force are entitled to per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act 10 and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or 11 12 allowance. Ε. The task force shall: 13 examine the number of guest worker 14 (1) permits, types of employment in which guest worker permit 15 holders are employed and employer violations of the Guest 16 Worker Act; and 17 make recommendations to the governor 18 (2) 19 annually on December 15 regarding any upward or downward 20 adjustment in the number of guest worker permits to issue to achieve the ideal percentage of the state labor force made up 21 by guest worker permit holders. 22 SECTION 7. [NEW MATERIAL] IMPLEMENTATION TO BE CONSISTENT 23 WITH FEDERAL LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS.--The department shall 24 implement the Guest Worker Act in a manner that: 25 .188004.2

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A. is consistent with federal laws that regulate
 immigration;

B. protects the civil rights of all persons; and

4 C. respects the privileges and immunities of United
5 States citizens.

SECTION 8. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] FEDERAL WAIVERS, EXEMPTIONS OR AUTHORIZATIONS--NO IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT WAIVER, EXEMPTION OR AUTHORIZATION.--

9 Α. The department shall seek one or more federal 10 waivers, exemptions or authorizations to implement the guest 11 The federal waivers, exemptions or worker program. 12 authorizations shall state that the federal government will not 13 remove a permit holder from the United States and will provide 14 at least one year of notice to all permit holders before making any change to that policy. 15

B. The governor shall participate actively in efforts to obtain one or more federal waivers, exemptions or authorizations under this section.

C. The department shall implement the guest worker program on the effective date of the Guest Worker Act; provided that federal waivers, exemption or authorizations are in effect.

SECTION 9. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS OR PROGRAMS.--To the extent feasible, the department shall coordinate the implementation of the guest .188004.2

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worker program with other existing state and federal laws that relate to immigration and labor, including laws pertaining to obtaining the privilege to drive and to report citizenship status.

SECTION 10. [NEW MATERIAL] GUEST WORKER FUND--CREATED--PURPOSE.--The "guest worker fund" is created in the state treasury. The fund consists of fees paid pursuant to the Guest Worker Act, appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to the general fund. The department shall administer the fund, and money in the fund is appropriated to the department to administer the Guest Worker Act. Disbursements from the fund shall be made by warrant of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the secretary of workforce solutions or the secretary of workforce solutions' representative.

SECTION 11. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] STATE INCOME TAXES--GUEST WORKER PERMIT FEES--WITHHOLDING OF FEES AND TAXES.--

A. A guest worker permit holder is subject to the provisions of the Income Tax Act and the Withholding Tax Act. An employer who hires a guest worker permit holder is subject to the provisions of the Withholding Tax Act.

B. A "guest worker permit fee" is imposed on a guest worker permit holder. The guest worker permit fee shall be in an amount equal to the combined rates of the federal old .188004.2

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age survivors and disability insurance, also known as social security, and the federal medicare program that would be imposed on the guest worker permit holder by federal law if the guest worker permit holder were hired as an employee with a social security number.

C. A "guest worker employer fee" is imposed on an employer that hires a guest worker permit holder as an employee. The guest worker employer fee shall be in an amount equal to the combined rates of the federal old age survivors and disability insurance, also known as social security, and the federal medicare program that would be imposed on the employer by federal law if the guest worker permit holder were hired as an employee with a social security number.

D. The taxation and revenue department shall collect the guest worker permit fee and guest worker employer fee in the same manner that it collects state income taxes withheld in accordance with the Withholding Tax Act. The taxation and revenue department shall credit the guest worker permit fee and the guest worker employer fee to the guest worker fund to carry out the purposes of the Guest Worker Act.

SECTION 12. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] OBTAINING A PERMIT--USES OF PERMIT.--

A. An undocumented individual shall obtain a guest worker permit:

(1) before providing services to an employer.188004.2

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in this state under a contract for hire; or

(2) in accordance with Subsection B of this section no later than thirty days from the day on which the undocumented individual enters into a contract for hire.

B. By rule, the department shall provide a procedure under which an employer may hire an undocumented individual who does not hold a guest worker permit, pending the undocumented individual obtaining a permit within thirty days of the day on which the undocumented individual is hired to provide services.

C. An undocumented individual shall not provide services under a contract for hire to a person for more than thirty days during a one-year calendar period without obtaining a guest worker permit as provided in this section.

D. A guest worker permit or immediate family permit is considered an identification document and may be used as identification or proof of the permit holder's age for any state- or local government-required purpose.

E. An undocumented individual shall not use a guest worker permit or immediate family permit:

(1) to establish entitlement to a federal,
 state or local benefit as provided in Section 23 of the Guest
 Worker Act; or

(2) to obtain work or provide services in a state other than New Mexico.

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1 SECTION 13. [NEW MATERIAL] ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO OBTAIN 2 OR RENEW A GUEST WORKER PERMIT.--3 To be eligible to obtain or renew a guest worker Α. 4 permit, an undocumented individual shall: 5 comply with the Child Labor Act; (1)6 (2) live in New Mexico; 7 (3) have worked or lived in New Mexico before 8 January 1, 2012; 9 (4) provide and regularly update relevant 10 contact information to the department; provide documentation of a contract for 11 (5) 12 hire under which the undocumented individual begins or continues to provide services within at least thirty days of 13 14 the day on which the undocumented individual obtains the permit; 15 agree to a criminal background check; 16 (6) 17 (7) not have been convicted of, pled guilty to, pled no contest to, pled guilty in a similar manner to or 18 19 resolved by diversion or its equivalent to a felony; and 20 (8) provide evidence satisfactory to the department that the undocumented individual would not be 21 inadmissible on public health grounds pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 22 1182. 23 Β. The department may, by rule, provide for the 24 25 documentation required to establish eligibility pursuant to .188004.2 - 13 -

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Subsection A of this section. 1

2	C. The department shall require an undocumented
3	individual applying for a guest worker permit or renewing a
4	guest worker permit to submit to a criminal background check as
5	a condition of receiving or renewing the guest worker permit.
6	D. An undocumented individual applying for a guest
7	worker permit and required to submit to a criminal background
8	check shall:
9	(1) submit a fingerprint card in a form
10	acceptable to the department; and
11	(2) consent to a fingerprint background check
12	by:
13	(a) the department of public safety; and
14	(b) the federal bureau of investigation.
15	E. For an undocumented individual applying for a
16	guest worker permit who submits a fingerprint card and consents
17	to a fingerprint background check, the department may request:
18	(1) criminal background information maintained
19	by the department of public safety; and
20	(2) complete federal bureau of investigation
21	criminal background checks through the national criminal
22	information center and secure communities program.
23	F. Information obtained by the department from the
24	review of criminal history records received under this section
25	shall be used by the department to determine eligibility to
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1 obtain a guest worker permit. 2 G. The department shall: (1) pay to the federal bureau of investigation 3 the costs incurred by the federal bureau of investigation in 4 providing the department criminal background information 5 pursuant to this section; and 6 7 (2) charge the undocumented individual applying for the guest worker permit a fee equal to the costs 8 9 incurred by the department regarding the undocumented individual pursuant to this section. 10 [NEW MATERIAL] ELIGIBILITY TO OBTAIN OR RENEW SECTION 14. 11 12 AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY PERMIT.--13 To be eligible to obtain or maintain an Α. 14 immediate family permit, an undocumented individual shall: live in New Mexico; 15 (1)be a member of a guest worker's immediate 16 (2) family; 17 provide and regularly update relevant 18 (3) 19 contact information; 20 (4) agree to a criminal background check; not have been convicted of, pled guilty 21 (5) to, pled no contest to, pled guilty in a similar manner to or 22 resolved by diversion or its equivalent to a felony; and 23 (6) provide evidence satisfactory to the 24 department that the undocumented individual would not be 25 .188004.2 - 15 -

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inadmissible on public health grounds pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec.
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B. The department may, by rule, provide for the
documentation required to establish eligibility pursuant to
Subsection A of this section.

6 C. The department shall require an undocumented
7 individual applying for an immediate family permit or renewing
8 an immediate family permit to submit to a criminal background
9 check as a condition of receiving or renewing the immediate
10 family permit.

D. An undocumented individual applying for an immediate family permit and required to submit to a criminal background check shall:

14 (1) submit a fingerprint card in a form15 acceptable to the department; and

(2) consent to a fingerprint background checkby:

(a) the department of public safety; and
 (b) the federal bureau of investigation.
 E. For an undocumented individual applying for an
 immediate family permit who submits a fingerprint card and
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(1) criminal background information maintainedby the department of public safety; and

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1 (2) complete federal bureau of investigation 2 criminal background checks through the national criminal 3 information center and secure communities program. Information obtained by the department from the 4 F. 5 review of criminal history records received under this section shall be used by the department to determine eligibility to 6 7 obtain an immediate family permit. 8 G. The department shall: 9 (1) pay to the federal bureau of investigation the costs incurred by the federal bureau of investigation in 10 providing the department criminal background information 11 12 pursuant to this section; and charge the undocumented individual 13 (2)14 applying for the immediate family permit a fee equal to the costs incurred by the department regarding the undocumented 15 individual pursuant to this section. 16 SECTION 15. [NEW MATERIAL] APPLICATION AND RENEWAL 17 PROCESS .--18 19 Α. The department shall: 20 (1)create a guest worker permit and an immediate family permit that: 21 (a) are made of impervious material that 22 is resistant to wear or damage; and 23 (b) minimize the risk that the permit 24 may be forged, falsified or counterfeited; and 25 .188004.2 - 17 -

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1 ensure that the guest worker permit and (2) 2 immediate family permit: include a photograph of the 3 (a) undocumented individual to whom the permit is issued; 4 5 (b) prominently state the date on which the permit expires; and 6 7 (c) prominently state whether the permit is a guest worker permit or an immediate family member permit. 8 9 Β. A guest worker permit and an immediate family permit shall expire two years from the day on which the 10 department issues the permit. 11 12 C. To apply for a permit under the Guest Worker Act, an undocumented individual shall submit to the department, 13 14 in a form acceptable to the department: an application; (1) 15 documentation that the individual meets (2)16 the criteria provided in Section 13 or 14 of the Guest Worker 17 18 Act; 19 (3) a valid passport issued by a country of 20 citizenship, a matricula consular card issued by the Mexican consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso, or a birth certificate, 21 either an original or a certified copy, including a foreign 22 birth certificate with a notarized English translation, if 23 necessary; 24 a signed statement verifying that the 25 (4) .188004.2 - 18 -

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information in the application and the documentation is correct; and

(5) a fee established by the department, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200) per permit.

D. Subject to the provisions of Subsection E of this section, if an undocumented individual submits a complete application pursuant to Subsection C of this section, and the department determines that the undocumented individual meets the criteria provided in Section 13 of the Guest Worker Act, the department shall issue or renew a guest worker permit until the number of permits is at least equal to three percent of the total labor force in the state.

E. The number of active guest worker permits shall not exceed six percent of the total labor force in the state. The percentage downward adjustment of active guest worker permits shall not exceed one percent in any given calendar year.

F. If an undocumented individual submits a complete application pursuant to Subsection C of this section, and the department determines that the undocumented individual meets the criteria provided in Section 14 of the Guest Worker Act, the department shall issue or renew an immediate family permit.

G. An undocumented individual may appeal a denial of a guest worker permit or an immediate family permit under this section to the secretary of workforce solutions.

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1 SECTION 16. [NEW MATERIAL] CONDITIONS DURING PERMIT
2 TERM.--

A. A guest worker permit holder or an immediate family permit holder shall continue to meet the eligibility criteria for the type of permit held by the permit holder.

B. A guest worker permit or immediate family permit is automatically revoked if, after issuance of the permit:

8 (1) the permit holder to whom it is issued is
9 convicted of, pleads guilty to, pleads no contest to, pleads
10 guilty in a similar manner to or has resolved by diversion or
11 its equivalent a felony;

(2) for a guest worker permit, the permit holder to whom it is issued does not provide services under a contract for hire for more than one year; or

(3) for an immediate family permit, the guest worker permit under which the immediate family member's permit is issued is revoked or expired.

SECTION 17. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] VERIFICATION OF VALID PERMIT--PROTECTED STATUS OF INFORMATION.--

A. The department shall develop a verification procedure, by rule, for an employer who hires a guest worker permit holder to verify with the department that the holder's permit is valid as required by Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act.

B. The verification procedure adopted pursuant to .188004.2

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1	this section shall be substantially similar to the employer
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3	e-verify program and may be cited as the "nm-verify program".
4	SECTION 18. [<u>NEW MATERIAL</u>] PROHIBITED CONDUCT
5	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIESCRIMINAL PENALTIES
6	A. A guest worker permit holder or an immediate
7	family permit holder shall not file for or receive unemployment
8	benefits.
9	B. No person shall:
10	(1) furnish false or forged information or
11	documentation in support of an application for a guest worker
12	permit or an immediate family permit;
13	(2) alter the information on a guest worker
14	permit or immediate family permit;
15	(3) allow an individual to use a guest worker
16	permit or an immediate family permit if the individual is not
17	entitled to use the permit;
18	(4) represent that a guest worker permit or an
19	immediate family permit is issued to an individual if the
20	permit is not issued to that individual;
21	(5) use, or attempt to use, an invalid guest
22	worker permit or an immediate family permit as a valid permit;
23	or
24	(6) knowingly or with reckless disregard
25	acquire, use, display or transfer an item that purports to be a
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1 valid guest worker permit or an immediate family permit but 2 that is not a valid permit. [NEW MATERIAL] EMPLOYING AN UNAUTHORIZED 3 SECTION 19. ALIEN--VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY .--4 5 On and after the guest worker program start Α. date, an employer shall not knowingly employ an unauthorized 6 7 alien who does not hold a guest worker permit. 8 On and after the program start date, an employer Β. 9 employing one or more employees within the state shall, after hiring an employee, verify the employment eligibility of the 10 11 new employee or employees: 12 (1)through the e-verify program, if the 13 individual does not hold a guest worker permit; and 14 (2) through the nm-verify program, if the individual holds a guest worker permit. 15 An employer shall keep a record of the 16 C. verification required by Subsection B of this section for the 17 18 longer of: 19 (1)the duration of the employee's employment; 20 or three years from the date of verification. (2) 21 On and after the guest worker program start D. 22 date, an employer shall terminate the employment of an 23 undocumented individual if the employer determines that the 24 undocumented individual does not hold a valid guest worker 25 .188004.2 - 22 -

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2 SECTION 20. [NEW MATERIAL] LIABILITY PROTECTIONS .--3 On or after the guest worker program start date, Α. an employer shall not be held civilly liable under state law in 4 a cause of action for the employer's unlawful hiring of an 5 unauthorized alien if: 6 7 (1) the employer complies with the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act; and 8 9 (2)the information obtained after verification pursuant to Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act 10 11 indicates that: 12 (a) the employee's federal legal status allowed the employer to hire the employee; or 13 14 (b) on and after the guest worker program start date, the employee held a valid guest worker 15 permit. 16 On or after the guest worker program start date, 17 Β. 18 an employer shall not be held civilly liable under state law in a cause of action for the employer's refusal to hire an 19 20 individual if: the employer complies with the provisions 21 (1)of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act; and 22 the information obtained after (2) 23 verification pursuant to Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act 24 indicates that the employee: 25 .188004.2 - 23 -

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1 (a) was an unauthorized alien; or 2 (b) on and after the guest worker program start date, does not hold a valid guest worker permit. 3 C. The Guest Worker Act does not create a cause of 4 action, on the basis of discrimination or otherwise, for not 5 hiring an individual who holds a guest worker permit. 6 7 SECTION 21. [NEW MATERIAL] ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS--8 DEFENSES . - -9 Α. On and after the guest worker program start 10 date, the department may bring agency action against an employer who violates the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest 11 12 Worker Act. 13 To determine whether an employee is an Β. 14 unauthorized alien for purposes of Subsection A of this section, the department shall consider only the federal 15 16 government's determination pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1373c. 17 C. The federal government's determination of 18 unauthorized alien status creates a rebuttable presumption of 19 the employee's lawful status. The department may request the 20 federal government to provide automated or testimonial verification pursuant to 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1373c. 21 For the purposes of this section, proof of 22 D. verifying the authorization for employment in accordance with 23 the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act creates a 24 25 rebuttable presumption that an employer did not knowingly .188004.2

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employ an unauthorized alien who did not hold a valid guest
 worker permit.

E. An employer is considered to have complied with the requirements of 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1324a(b), notwithstanding an isolated, sporadic or accidental technical or procedural failure to meet the requirements, if there is a good-faith attempt to comply with those requirements.

SECTION 22.

A. As used in this section:

(1) "first violation" means the first time that the department imposes a penalty pursuant to this section, regardless of the number of individuals that the employer hires in violation of the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act;

[NEW MATERIAL] PENALTIES .--

(2) "second violation" means the second time that the department imposes a penalty pursuant to this section, regardless of the number of individuals that the employer hires in violation of the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act; and

(3) "third or subsequent violation" means the third or subsequent time that the department imposes a penalty pursuant to this section, regardless of the number of individuals that the employer hires in violation of the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act.

B. For a first violation of the provisions of .188004.2

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Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act, the department shall impose a civil penalty on an employer not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each individual who is employed by the employer during the time period specified in the notice of agency action and who is an unauthorized alien who does not hold a valid guest worker permit.

C. For a second violation of the provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act, the department shall impose 8 a civil penalty on an employer not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each individual who is employed by the employer during the time period specified in the notice of agency action and who is an unauthorized alien who does not hold a valid guest worker permit.

For a third or subsequent violation of the D. provisions of Section 19 of the Guest Worker Act, the department shall:

notify the issuing agency of the (1)applicable licenses of the third or subsequent violation of the Guest Worker Act and recommend revocation of the applicable licenses for a period not to exceed one year; or

impose a civil penalty on an employer not (2) to exceed the greater of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each individual who is employed by the employer during the time period specified in the agency action and who is an unauthorized alien who does not .188004.2

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1 hold a valid guest worker permit.

2	E. The department shall base its determination of
3	the length of revocation pursuant to Subsection D of this
4	section on evidence or information submitted to the department
5	during the action under which a third or subsequent violation
6	is found and shall consider the following factors, if relevant:
7	(1) the number of unauthorized aliens who do
8	not hold a guest worker permit who are employed by the
9	employer;
10	(2) prior misconduct by the employer;
11	(3) the degree of harm resulting from the
12	violation;
13	(4) whether the employer made good-faith
14	efforts to comply with any applicable requirements;
15	(5) the duration of the violation; and
16	(6) any other factor that the department
17	considers appropriate.
18	F. For a violation described in Subsections A and B
19	of Section 18 of the Guest Worker Act, the department may
20	suspend, limit, or revoke and repossess a permit or impose a
21	civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750)
22	for each violation, or both, and may notify the United States
23	immigration and customs enforcement of the violation.
24	G. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall
25	be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of Section
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2 (1)furnishes false or forged information or 3 documentation in support of an application for a guest worker permit or an immediate family permit; or 4 (2) alters the information on a guest worker 5 permit or an immediate family permit. 6 7 SECTION 23. [NEW MATERIAL] RECEIPT OF STATE, LOCAL OR FEDERAL PUBLIC BENEFITS--VERIFICATION--EXCEPTIONS--FRAUDULENTLY 8 9 **OBTAINING BENEFITS--ANNUAL REPORT.--**Except as provided in Subsection C of this 10 Α. 11 section, or when exempted by federal law, a state agency or 12 political subdivision of the state shall verify the lawful 13 presence in the United States of an individual who is at least 14 eighteen years of age and who applies for: (1) a state or local public benefit as defined 15 in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621: or 16 17 (2) a federal public benefit as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611 that is administered by an agency or political 18 19 subdivision of this state. 20 Β. This section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or 21 national origin. 22 Verification of lawful presence in the United 23 C. States under this section is not required for: 24 25 (1) any purpose for which lawful presence in .188004.2

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1 the United States is not restricted by law, ordinance or 2 regulation; health care items and services that are: 3 (2)(a) necessary for the treatment of an 4 emergency medical condition, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 5 1396b(v)(3), of the individual involved; and 6 7 (b) not related to an organ transplant procedure; 8 9 (3) short-term, noncash, in-kind emergency disaster relief; 10 public health assistance for immunizations (4) 11 12 with respect to immunizable diseases and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases, whether or not 13 14 the symptoms are caused by the communicable disease; programs, services or assistance such as 15 (5) soup kitchens, crisis counseling and intervention and 16 short-term shelter, specified by the United States attorney 17 general, in the sole and unreviewable discretion of the United 18 States attorney general, after consultation with appropriate 19 20 federal agencies and departments, that: deliver in-kind services at the (a) 21 community level, including through public or private nonprofit 22 agencies; 23 do not condition the provision of (b) 24 assistance, the amount of assistance provided or the cost of 25 .188004.2

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1 assistance provided on the income or resources of the 2 individual recipient; and 3 are necessary for the protection of (c) life or safety; 4 a home loan that will be insured, 5 (6) guaranteed or purchased by: 6 7 (a) the federal housing administration of the United States department of housing and urban 8 9 development, the United States department of veterans affairs or any other federal agency; or 10 (b) an enterprise, as defined in 12 11 12 U.S.C. Sec. 4502; or a subordinate loan or a grant that will be 13 (7) 14 made to an applicant in connection with a home loan that does not require verification under Paragraph (6) of this 15 subsection. 16 17 A state agency or political subdivision of the D. state that is required to verify the lawful presence in the 18 United States of an applicant under this section shall require 19 20 the applicant to certify under penalty of perjury that: the applicant is a United States citizen; (1) 21 or 22 the applicant is: (2) 23 a qualified alien, as defined in 8 (a) 24 U.S.C. Sec. 1641; and 25 .188004.2 - 30 -

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lawfully present in the United (b) States.

The certificate required under Subsection D of Ε. this section shall include a statement advising the signer that providing false information subjects the signer to penalties for perjury.

F. A state agency or political subdivision of the state shall verify a certification required under Subsection E of this section through the federal SAVE program.

G. If the certification constitutes a false claim of United States citizenship under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 911, a state agency or political subdivision of the state shall file a complaint with the United States attorney general for the applicable district based upon the venue in which the application was made.

If a state agency or political subdivision of н. the state receives verification that a person making an application for a benefit, service or license is not a qualified alien, the agency or political subdivision shall provide the information to the office of the attorney general of New Mexico unless prohibited by federal mandate.

A state agency or political subdivision of the I. state may adopt variations to the requirements of this section that:

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1 reduce delay in the verification process; or 2 (2) provide for adjudication of unique 3 individual circumstances where the verification procedures in this section would impose an unusual hardship on a legal 4 resident of New Mexico. 5 It is unlawful for a state agency or a political 6 J. 7 subdivision of the state to provide a state, local or federal benefit, as defined in 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1611 and 1621, in 8 violation of this section. 9 A state agency or department that administers a 10 Κ. program of state or local public benefits shall: 11 12 (1) provide an annual report to the governor and the legislature regarding its compliance with this section; 13 monitor the federal SAVE program for 14 (2) application verification errors and significant delays; 15 (3) provide an annual report on the errors and 16 delays to ensure that the application of the federal SAVE 17 program is not erroneously denying a state or local benefit to 18 a legal resident of the state; and 19 20 (4) report delays and errors in the federal SAVE program to the United States department of homeland 21 security. 22 SECTION 24. A new section of the Tax Administration Act 23 is enacted to read: 24 "[NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION--GUEST WORKER FUND.--A 25 .188004.2 - 32 -

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distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 shall be made to the guest worker fund in an amount equal to the net receipts attributable to the guest worker permit fee and guest worker employer fee imposed pursuant to the Guest Worker Act."

SECTION 25. Section 66-1-4.10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1990, Chapter 120, Section 11) is amended to read:

"66-1-4.10. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Motor Vehicle Code:

A. "laned roadway" means a roadway that is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic;

B. "law enforcement agency designated by the division" means the law enforcement agency indicated on the dismantler's notification form as the appropriate agency for the receipt of the appropriate copy of that form;

C. "license", without modification, means any license, temporary instruction permit [or], temporary license <u>or driving privilege card</u> issued or recognized under the laws of New Mexico pertaining to the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles;

D. "lien" or "encumbrance" means every chattel mortgage, conditional sales contract, lease, purchase lease, sales lease, contract, security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code or other instrument in writing having the effect of a mortgage or lien or encumbrance upon, or intended to hold, the title to any vehicle in the former owner,

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E. "local authorities" means every county, municipality and any local board or body having authority to enact laws relating to traffic under the constitution and laws of this state."

SECTION 26. Section 66-5-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 231, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-9. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE, TEMPORARY LICENSE, PROVISIONAL LICENSE, <u>DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARD</u> OR INSTRUCTION PERMIT.--

A. An application for an instruction permit, driving privilege card, provisional license or driver's license shall be made upon a form furnished by the department. An application shall be accompanied by the proper fee. For permits, <u>driving privilege cards</u>, provisional licenses or driver's licenses other than those issued pursuant to the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act, submission of a complete application with payment of the fee entitles the applicant to not more than three attempts to pass the examination within a period of six months from the date of application.

B. An application shall contain the full <u>legal</u> name, social security number, [or individual tax identification number] except for applicants who are ineligible for a social security number, date of birth, sex and New Mexico residence .188004.2

1 address of the applicant and briefly describe the applicant and 2 indicate whether the applicant has previously been licensed as 3 a driver and, if so, when and by what state or country and 4 whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked or 5 whether an application has ever been refused and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation or refusal. 6 7 [For foreign nationals applying for driver's licenses, the secretary shall accept the individual taxpayer identification 8 9 number as a substitute for a social security number regardless of immigration status.] The secretary is authorized to 10 establish, by regulation, other documents that may be accepted 11 12 as [a substitute for a social security number or an individual tax identification number] documentary evidence of the identity 13 and residence of the applicant. 14

C. In addition to the requirements of Subsection B of this section, an application by a foreign national for a driver's license that is acceptable by federal agencies for official federal purposes shall contain the unique identifying number of the foreign national's valid passport, valid visa or other arrival-departure record or document issued by the federal department of homeland security and the expiration date of the foreign national's authorized period of admission or extension of stay as demonstrated on the foreign national's valid passport, valid visa or other arrival-departure record or document issued by the federal department of homeland security. .188004.2

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The department may issue to an eligible foreign national applicant a driver's license valid only for the duration of the foreign national's authorized period of admission or extension of stay.

D. The department shall issue a driving privilege 5 card that is not acceptable by federal agencies for official 6 7 federal purposes to an otherwise eligible applicant regardless of immigration status; provided that the applicant holds a 8 valid guest worker permit or an immediate family permit 9 pursuant to the Guest Worker Act. For an application for a 10 driving privilege card that is not acceptable by federal 11 12 agencies for official federal purposes, the secretary shall accept as substitutes for otherwise required documents evidence 13 that the department deems sufficient as documentary evidence of 14 the identity and residency of the applicant. The department 15 may issue to an eligible applicant a driving privilege card 16 valid only for the duration of the applicant's guest worker 17 permit or immediate family permit. 18

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[G.] <u>E.</u> An applicant shall indicate whether the applicant has been convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in this state or in any other jurisdiction. Failure to disclose any such conviction prevents the issuance of a driver's license, provisional license, temporary license, <u>driving privilege card</u> or instruction permit for a period of one year if the failure .188004.2

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to disclose is discovered by the department prior to issuance. If the nondisclosure is discovered by the department subsequent to issuance, the department shall revoke the driver's license, provisional license, temporary license, <u>driving privilege card</u> or instruction permit for a period of one year. Intentional and willful failure to disclose, as required in this subsection, is a misdemeanor.

[D.] <u>F.</u> An applicant under eighteen years of age who is making an application for a first New Mexico driver's license shall submit evidence that the applicant has:

(1) successfully completed a driver education course approved by the bureau that included a DWI prevention and education component. The bureau may accept verification of driver education course completion from another state if the driver education course substantially meets the requirements of the bureau for a course offered in New Mexico;

(2) had a provisional license for at least the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of the application for the driver's license; provided that thirty days shall be added to the twelve-month period for each adjudication or conviction of a traffic violation committed during the time the person was driving with a provisional license;

(3) complied with restrictions on that

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that is pending at the time of application; and

(5) not been adjudicated for an offense involving the use of alcohol or drugs during the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of the application for the driver's license and that there are no pending adjudications alleging an offense involving the use of alcohol or drugs at the time of application.

[E.] G. An applicant eighteen years of age or over, but under twenty-five years of age, who is making an application to be granted a first New Mexico driver's license or driving privilege card shall submit evidence with the application that the applicant has successfully completed a bureau-approved DWI prevention and education program.

 $[F_{\cdot}]$ <u>H</u>. An applicant twenty-five years of age or over who has been convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and who is making an application to be granted a first New Mexico driver's license <u>or driving</u> <u>privilege card</u> shall submit evidence with the application that the applicant has successfully completed a bureau-approved DWI prevention and education program.

[G.] <u>I.</u> Whenever an application is received from a person previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the department may request a copy of the driver's record from the other jurisdiction. When received, the driver's record may become a part of the driver's record in this state with the .188004.2

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1	same effect as though entered on the driver's record in this
2	state in the original instance.
3	$[H_{\bullet}]$ <u>J</u> . Whenever the department receives a request
4	for a driver's record from another licensing jurisdiction, the
5	record shall be forwarded without charge.
6	$[H_{\bullet}]$ K. This section does not apply to driver's
7	licenses issued pursuant to the New Mexico Commercial Driver's
8	License Act."
9	SECTION 27. Section 66-5-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
10	Chapter 35, Section 237, as amended) is amended to read:
11	"66-5-15. LICENSES ISSUED TO APPLICANTS
12	A. The department shall, upon payment of the
13	required fee, issue to every qualified applicant a driver's
14	license <u>or driving privilege card</u> as applied for. [The
15	license] All licenses and driving privilege cards shall bear
16	the full <u>legal</u> name, date of birth, <u>sex</u> , current New Mexico
17	physical or mailing address, a full face or front-view
18	photograph of the license holder and a brief description of the
19	licensee and the signature of the licensee. A license <u>or</u>
20	driving privilege card shall not be valid unless it bears the
21	signature of the licensee.
22	B. On or after six months after the effective date
23	of this 2012 act, a driver's license issued to a licensee that
24	meets federal requirements to be acceptable by federal agencies
25	<u>for official federal purposes shall contain a unique design</u>

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C. On or after twelve months after the effective 5 date of this 2012 act, a driving privilege card that fails to 6 7 meet federal requirements to be acceptable by federal agencies for official federal purposes shall state that the driving 8 9 privilege card is not acceptable by federal agencies for official federal purposes. The information shall be stated in 10 the same manner as restrictions are set forth upon the usual 11 12 driving privilege card form and in the machine readable zone. The department shall establish by rule the restriction code of 13 "J" to designate the restriction "driving privilege cards are 14 not acceptable by federal agencies for official federal 15 purposes" in order to implement the provisions of this 16 subsection." 17

SECTION 28. Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 266, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-44. LICENSES AND PERMITS--DURATION AND FEE--APPROPRIATION.--

A. There shall be paid to the department a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each driver's license [or], duplicate driver's license, <u>driving privilege card or duplicate driving</u> <u>privilege card</u>, except that for a driver's license issued for .188004.2

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an eight-year period, a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid to the department. Each license shall be for a term provided for in Section 66-5-21 NMSA 1978.

B. For each permit and instruction permit, there shall be paid to the department a fee of two dollars (\$2.00). The term for each permit shall be as provided in Sections 66-5-8 and 66-5-9 NMSA 1978.

C. Except for fees charged pursuant to Subsection E of this section, the director with the approval of the governor may increase the amount of the fees provided for in this section by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for the purpose of implementing an enhanced driver's license system; provided that for a driver's license issued for an eight-year period, the amount of the fees shall be twice the amount charged for other driver's licenses. The additional amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the department to defray the expense of the new system of licensing and for use as set forth in Subsection F of Section 66-6-13 NMSA 1978. Unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining from fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this subsection at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall be expended by the department in fiscal year 2010 and subsequent fiscal years.

D. There shall be paid to the department a driver safety fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for each driver's license .188004.2 - 41 -

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or duplicate driver's license, except that for a driver's license issued for an eight-year period, a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be paid to the department. The fee shall be distributed to each school district for the purpose of providing defensive driving instruction through the state equalization guarantee distribution made annually pursuant to the general appropriation act.

E. The department may charge a fee of no more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to a person who holds a driver's license from another state and is applying for a New Mexico driver's license for the first time. The fee is appropriated to the department to defray the expense of determining whether the driver has been convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or equivalent crime, and determining if the person qualifies for a driver's license in this state. The fee provided <u>for</u> in this subsection is not subject to the increase provided for in Subsection C of this section."

SECTION 29. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act shall be the date that the governor certifies to the taxation and revenue department and the workforce solutions department that the governor has received in writing one or more federal waivers, exemptions or authorizations to implement a guest worker program for foreign nationals who do not provide a social security number or proof

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	1	of authorized presence in the United States. Upon that date,
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	3	department shall implement the provisions of this act and
	4	notify the New Mexico compilation commission.
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