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SENATE BILL 312

(First Reprint)

Authorizes state and local governmental entities to accept consular identification card for purposes of identifying person under certain circumstances. (BDR 19-823)

Sponsored by: Senator Carlton (Joint Sponsor: Assemblywoman Ohrenschall)

Date Heard: April 30, 2003

Senate Bill 312 specifies that state agencies and local governments may accept a consular identification card for any activity in which the government entity accepts an identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. A consular identification card may be used by a notary to identify a person or by a business as a condition for taking a check. The bill states that the provisions apply for the purposes of identification and do not convey an independent right to receive benefits of any type. "Consular identification card" is defined as "an identification card issued by a consulate of a foreign government, which consulate is located within the State of Nevada."

The bill was supported by the Latino Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Bankers Association, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Department, the Cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, and the ACLU.

Amendments: None.

Opposition: Janine Hansen from Eagle Forum, David Schumann from Nevada Committee for Full Statehood, John Wagner from the Nevada Republican Assembly, Lynn Chapman from Nevada Families Education Foundation, and Alan Culver from Friends of Immigration Law Enforcement spoke in opposition to the bill.

Fiscal Impact: Local Government: No
State Government: No

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