

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 141**

Short Title:   DACA Beneficiaries/Drivers License Moratorium. (Public)

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Sponsors:   Representatives Brody, J. Bell, Lambeth, and Millis (Primary Sponsors).  
*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

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Referred to:  Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, if favorable, Transportation.

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February 25, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FULLY INVESTIGATE AND  
DELIBERATE ON ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR PROTECTING THE INTERESTS  
OF THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS WITH REGARD TO THE FEDERAL DEFERRED  
ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS INITIATIVE.

Whereas, federal immigration laws are complicated, inconsistent, and confusing;  
and

Whereas, these problems have been exacerbated by the federal government's failure  
to enforce existing laws and to protect the nation's borders; and

Whereas, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative announced  
by the United States Secretary of Homeland Security on June 15, 2012, compounds the  
confusion in federal immigration law rather than diminishes it; and

Whereas, rather than working with the General Assembly to craft a careful and  
deliberate legislative response to the DACA initiative, the previous administration merely  
requested a North Carolina Attorney General's opinion; and

Whereas, the Office of the Attorney General issued an opinion on January 17, 2013,  
that further complicates the application of the law in this State; and

Whereas, possession of a valid drivers license has traditionally been one of the main  
methods by which residents of this State demonstrate their eligibility to receive various benefits  
and entitlements and to exercise various fundamental rights; and

Whereas, granting drivers licenses to a whole new class of individuals may  
therefore have far reaching ramifications for numerous State programs, benefits, and rights; and

Whereas, the complexity of these issues requires a carefully crafted legislative  
response, undertaken only after thorough investigation and deliberation by the people's elected  
representatives in the General Assembly; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 20-7(b1) or (s) or any other provision of law,  
the Division of Motor Vehicles shall not issue a drivers license of any kind to an applicant  
whose lawful presence was derived through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals  
initiative announced by the United States Secretary of Homeland Security on June 15, 2012.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and expires on June 15,  
2013.

