



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1623

Bill Subtitle: TO EXEMPT H-2A VISA PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE A VALID INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT FROM THE SKILLS PORTION OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATION.

Sponsors:

Rep. J. Moore and Sen. B. Johnson

Basic Change:

HB1623 exempts certain temporary agricultural workers from the requirement to pass the skills portion of the driver's license examination.

Under current law, an applicant for a driver's license must demonstrate:

- The ability to read and understand the highway traffic laws of the state ("written test");
- The ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle ("skills test");
- A minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 20/40 for an unrestricted license and a minimum corrected visual acuity of 20/70 for a restricted license; and
- Any further physical and mental examination deemed necessary by the Office of Driver Services of the Department of Finance and Administration (ODS) to operate a motor vehicle safely upon the highways.

HB1623 exempts an applicant who is a foreign national and certified participant in the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker Program from the skills test of the driver's license examination. To qualify for the exemption, the applicant must:

- Be a foreign national;
- Be a certified participant in the Temporary Agricultural Worker Program under section H-2A of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- Have an official International Driving Permit; and
- Present the International Driving Permit when sitting for the written test of the driver's license examination. None.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

Provided that qualifications are met, an applicant who is a foreign national and certified participant in the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker Program from the skills test of the driver's license examination.

Resources Required:

None.



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Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

None.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.