

HB 318: Identification Provisions

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HB 318 was passed by the General Assembly in 2015. Advocates and agencies are still working to interpret the law and understand how it applies to different government officials. We will share information with the community as we understand more about how the bill, if it becomes law, will affect people's daily lives.

Until HB 318 is understood more clearly, **these are a few things to keep in mind:**

1. May I use my passport as a form of identification?

YES! The bill allows government officials to continue accepting passports as identification documents.

2. May I use a form of foreign ID other than a consular ID, as a form of identification?

YES! HB 318 only bans acceptance of foreign documents "issued by a consulate or embassy." If you have a foreign ID that is not issued by a consulate or embassy (foreign voter ID cards, foreign driver's licenses, foreign military IDs, foreign national IDs), you may still continue to use those types of ID.

3. May I use my local government-issued ID (Faith Action ID, municipal ID) to interact with law enforcement?

YES! If a local, organizational, or municipal ID is the only form of identification available, the law allows you to present it to law enforcement officers.

4. Can I still use my consular ID document or local/municipal ID to access private companies and services?

YES! You may use your consular ID card or your local/municipal ID to access banks, credit unions, private utility companies (Duke Energy, etc.), private hospitals and doctor's offices, check cashing stores, non-profit health centers, and more.

5. How can I prove my residency in North Carolina in other ways besides using a consular or local ID?

You should gather and save other forms of proof that you are a resident in North Carolina other than your identification card. These forms of proof should have your name and current address on them, and may include:

- ✓ Rent/lease agreement
- ✓ Rent receipts from your landlord
- ✓ Utility bill
- ✓ Bank statement
- ✓ Official correspondence sent to your current address
- ✓ Pay stubs or employment records
- ✓ Statements from a friend, neighbor, pastor, employer
- ✓ Medical records or immunization records
- ✓ Tax returns or other tax documents
- ✓ Mobile home or auto registration
- ✓ School records showing that you or your child attend school in North Carolina

We will provide more information about how this bill will affect people in their daily lives as it becomes available.

If you are denied services ANYWHERE in North Carolina (school, hospital, government office, etc.) because you only have a consular ID card or local/organizational ID, please call us to share your story!

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