

HB 1593 -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES

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Under this bill, a transportation network company (TNC) must not permit an individual to act as a TNC driver on its digital network if the driver is not a US citizen or authorized to work under a current employment authorization document. In addition, when a TNC driver's employment authorization document expires, the TNC must immediately revoke the driver's ability to accept trip requests from the TNC's digital platform and notify the Department of Revenue of the driver's name, license number, and license plate number.

The bill establishes the offense of impersonating a TNC driver as specified in the bill, and makes it a class A misdemeanor. However, the offense is classified as a class C felony if, during the commission of the offense, a TNC driver engages in a felony offense that causes great bodily harm to another person, or commits the offense of kidnapping, or a sexual offense as specified in the bill. The offense is classified as a class A felony if the person impersonates a TNC driver during the commission of any felony offense that causes the death of another person.