

**NYS LOCALITY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEN LIGHT
LEGISLATION TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR
ALL RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE.**

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign Drivers Licenses Bill A10273 expanding access to driver's licenses to all New York State residents, regardless of immigration status.

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Resolution Introduced by City of Poughkeepsie COUNCILMEMBER SALEM:

WHEREAS, All residents of New York State, regardless of immigration status, should have equal access to driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, New York State currently bars hundreds of thousands of immigrants in our state from obtaining driver's licenses due to their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, Without access to licenses, many immigrants are unable to purchase, register, and insure their own vehicles and so face major barriers to meeting the most basic needs of day-to-day life: traveling to work, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, Expanded immigrant access to driver's licenses will reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on the road, thereby lowering insurance premiums for all New York motorists; and

WHEREAS, With New York State currently in the process of redesigning its license policies to comply with the federal REAL ID Act by the 2018 deadline, now is the ideal moment to remove immigration status restrictions for driver's licenses;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the **Common Council in the City of Poughkeepsie** calls on the New York State Legislature to move forward Drivers Licenses Bill A10273, granting access to licenses for all residents of New York State.