

Connecticut

By tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest we will have date(s) for you as to when we will lobby the legislature in Hartford.

The NY Times ran a very long article on the first page of the Sunday Connecticut section. There were extensive sob stories, as well as reporting of claims that applicants for Connecticut drivers' licenses were refused licenses because they were not citizens. It was implied that these people were improperly denied even though they were legal. We have all learned by now that if a person can't get a license, the truth is it is he is an ILLEGAL alien.

Naturally the Times quoted two immigration lawyers, but didn't quote anyone who supports banning licenses for illegal. Typical biased reporting for the NY Times.

This makes it all the more important that we lobby for our bill. Also, if any of you would like to write letters to Connecticut newspapers and haven't yet done so, please let us know and we'll send you a list of email addresses.

Colorado

We spoke with Bill Mutch, legislative aide to State Sen. Andrews. He told us that the bill to which we gave our support, 03-1224, to require secure ID in most transactions with the State of Colorado, is progressing very well, and will likely be passed and signed by the Governor.

Maine

As was proposed to you last week, we sent to the Mayor and every City Council member of Portland, Me., an email opposing their proposed ordinance which would forbid police from ever inquiring about the immigration status of anyone they deal with. We sent a copy of the email to the Gov. of Maine, the Speaker of the Maine House, Pres. of the Maine Senate, and the editor of the Portland Press- Herald.

Maryland

We will let you know what is happening about the radio ads as soon as we have more info.

North Carolina

This state has one of the worst DL laws in the country. Sen. Fern Shuman is introducing a bill to forbid giving driver's licenses to illegals. Nothing yet to report, the legislative session there runs until mid August, so time frame is very different from CT etc.

Tennessee.

Situation is just like NC. Legislation to ban DLS for illegals also just introduced.

Illinois

State House of Representatives passed approximately 112 to 2 a bill to give illegals in-state tuition. That's what happens when there is no opposition on the scene. Am inquiring if there's some way for us to help stop this bill. THIS CAN BE DONE. ..See Kansas

Kansas

A bill to give in-state tuition to illegals was being steamrolled thru the legislature but was stopped by the efforts of Sue Tully, Regional Field Rep for FAIR and Mike Hethmon, Chief Counsel of FAIR.

Mike wrote a legal opinion based on federal law which clearly outlaws granting of in-state tuition to illegals unless the same rates are offered to all legal residents of any US state. Sue then made a presentation with this and scared the Kansas legislators into facing the fact that their proposed bill could get them into trouble. Result: the bill is dead, and instead, a commission is going to study the issue.

For us, that's good news to end the day.