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This Immigration Update<sup>®</sup> from FosterQuan, LLP contains important information regarding the following:

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) RELAXES RESTRICTIONS ON DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUANCE TO VISITORS**

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Texas District Court of Travis County issued a [Declaratory Judgment](#) declaring invalid certain restrictions imposed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on driver's license issuance to temporary visitors. The court also enjoined enforcement of the invalid restrictions. Two months following the judgment, the DPS has changed the department's requirements for issuance of driver's licenses to temporary residents in order to remove the invalid restrictions. The most notable changes include a return to horizontal orientation of cards issued to temporary residents and removal of the requirement that applicants document at least a one-year admission and a full six months of remaining lawful status in order to apply for a driver's license.

Applicants who have less than six months of lawful status remaining can now be issued a driver's license, but the license will be issued only for the duration of lawful status. Removing the requirement that a temporary worker must have been admitted for at least one year and must have at least six months of remaining validity will enable short-term nonimmigrants such as H-2B temporary workers and H-3 trainees to apply for a driver's license. The DPS has updated the department's [Temporary Visitor Issuance Guide](#) to reflect these recent changes.

Applicants for a Texas driver's license must still prove their identity and their lawful status in the United States. For a detailed description of the specific document requirements for proving identity and lawful status, visit the [Texas DPS website](#). As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor immigration-related changes in state laws and requirements and will make additional updates available via our firm's [website](#).