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I have been reviewing the current legislation, SB 320. As a practical matter, I don't see how you can expect the average police officer to perform an adequate inspection of the myriad of foreign passports of the 37 countries designated as "Visa Waiver" nations.

As a former Patrol Agent (Immigration Officer) of the U.S. Border Patrol, and later as a Senior Special Agent of the former U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, I know full well the amount of training that is required to forensically examine foreign travel documents, and determine validity.

While conducting further research involving the subject of foreign nationals operating vehicles in Georgia, I came across the below publication from your organization. In the second paragraph it is stated: "According to the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of State, there is no federal law or regulation that requires foreign visitors to have their passports on their person at all times."

http://www.gachiefs.com/pdfs/News_Foreign%20Driver's%20License.pdf

Actually, there is such a law that does require foreign nationals to carry a document to prove their lawful immigration status in the United States, and that would be Title 8 USC 1304e. Under this statute an alien can be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by 30 days in jail and/or a \$100.00 fine. This law has been on the books for decades.

Sincerely,



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