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An act relating to employment policy of the state; amending s. 110.105, F.S.; providing that a person is disqualified from applying for employment by any agency of the state if he or she is an alien and is unlawfully present in the United States; specifying means of identification which create a presumption of lawful presence in the United States; providing implementation requirements; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 110.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

It is the purpose of this chapter to establish a

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110.105 Employment policy of the state.—

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system of personnel management. This system shall provide means to recruit, select, train, develop, and maintain an effective and responsible workforce and shall include policies and procedures for employee hiring and advancement, training and career development, position classification, salary

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administration, benefits, discipline, discharge, employee performance evaluations, affirmative action, and other related

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activities.

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(2) All appointments, terminations, assignments and maintenance of status, compensation, privileges, and other terms and conditions of employment in state government shall be made

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without regard to age, sex, race, religion, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, or handicap, except when a specific sex, age, or physical requirement constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification necessary to proper and efficient administration.

- (3) (a) 1. A person is disqualified from applying for employment by any agency of the state if he or she is an alien and is unlawfully present in the United States.
- 2. A person is presumed to not be an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States if the person provides to the employing agency:
 - a. A valid Florida driver's license;

- b. A valid identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pursuant to s. 322.051, which includes any identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its agents;
- c. Any identification card issued by any state or jurisdiction that issues identification cards recognized in this state for the purpose of indicating a person's true name and age;
- d. Any valid identification issued by the Federal

 Government or a state or local government for which the Federal

 Government or the issuing state or local government requires

 proof of legal presence in the United States as a condition of issuance, or

in lieu of providing one of the forms of identification enumerated in sub-subparagraphs a.-d., the applicant's

employment authorization is verified by the agency through the
federal E-Verify program operated by the United States
Department of Homeland Security.

(b) Except as expressly provided by law, there shall be no Florida residence requirement for any person as a condition precedent to employment by the state; however, preference may be given to Florida residents in hiring.

An agency may not consider race, color, or national origin in implementing the requirements of this subsection except to the extent permitted by the United States Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Florida. This subsection shall be implemented in a manner consistent with federal laws regulating immigration, protecting the civil rights of all persons, and respecting the privileges and immunities of United States citizens.

(4) This chapter contains requirements and guides for establishing and maintaining a system of personnel administration on a merit basis. The system of personnel administration shall be implemented so as to permit state agencies to be eligible to receive federal funds.

(5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed either to infringe upon or to supersede the rights guaranteed public employees under chapter 447.

Section 2. Section 110.127, Florida Statutes, reads: 110.127 Penalties.—

(1) Any person who willfully violates any provision of this chapter or of any rules adopted pursuant to the authority

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herein granted is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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- (2) The provisions of s. 112.011 to the contrary notwithstanding, any person who is convicted of a misdemeanor under this chapter shall be, for a period of 5 years, ineligible for appointment to or employment in a position in the state service and, if an employee of the state, shall forfeit his or her position.
- (3) Imposition of the penalties provided in this section shall not be in lieu of any action which may be taken or penalties which may be imposed pursuant to part III of chapter 112.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.