

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 7, 2019

AMENDMENT NO. 1 to Item #1

Resolution File No. 19-273

Ordinance File No.

COMMITTEE: Judiciary, Safety and General Services

OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S): Ortíz-Velez

ADD AND/OR DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

Add a WHEREAS clause at or near line 42:

WHEREAS, according to the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (WCIJ), more than half of Wisconsin dairy workers are immigrants, and the WCIJ reported one farmer saying, “I’ve been to those villages where our [immigrant workers] are from – and they sent us their best”; and

WHEREAS, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Washington, and Vermont have no driving licensure restrictions for undocumented immigrants; and

Amend the WHEREAS clause at or near line 46:

WHEREAS, under Wis. Stat. § 343.05(3-5), drivers penalized without a license may incur hundreds of dollars in misdemeanor fines and according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, in 2017 the state suspended more than 200,000 Wisconsin drivers for failing to pay fines; and otherwise law abiding and taxpaying residents need not help clog an overburdened court system; and

Amend/delete the BE IT RESOLVED clause at or near line 56 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the Governor of Wisconsin and the state legislature include provisions in the 2019-2021 Biennial State Budget or as a standalone bill regarding:

- Restoration of access to driver licenses for all Wisconsin residents regardless of immigration status

- Cessation of suspending driver licenses for those unable to pay fines or minor non-driving offenses

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County supports the proposal by the Governor of Wisconsin in Assembly Bill 56, the 2019-2021 Wisconsin Executive Budget, to extend eligibility for driver licenses and identification cards for undocumented individuals subsequent to fulfillment of state skills and knowledge standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County requests the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the offices of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Assembly Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, and any state legislator who represents all or part of Milwaukee County.