



# Multicultural Center of Cache Valley

*Improving Life, Promoting Community*

## “SHOW ME YOUR PAPERS” LAW– HB 497, UTAH

HB 497 law allows police officers to ask for documents to any person that they stop, detain, or arrest. These documents can include up to date proof of immigration status. According to the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union of Utah) this law presents some problems, especially those related to racial stereotyping because the lack of fluent English, for example, can determine whether an officer decides to ask or not for these types of immigration documents. The “reasonable suspicion” argument invites law enforcement officials to “guess” the immigration status of a person based on stereotypes such as the color of the skin, the accent, or ethnicity. This is inconsistent with the Constitutional values of the United States. The ACLU states that “demanding “papers” based on a person’s appearance is not “reasonable” and is not constitutional.”

Even though Utah’s HB 497 law is written in a different manner, it still affects residents in a similar way to Arizona’s SB 1070 law. Both laws require all the residents of the state to carry specific documents at all times in case they are questioned or investigated about their immigration status by the local enforcement agents. The ACLU comments that both laws give authority to the officers to suspect the immigration status of any person that they detain for a crime or stop even for minor traffic violations such as jaywalking. Both laws also allow local and state officers to arrest any person without a warrant for “presumed violations of civil immigration laws.”

According to the ACLU, this law also disrespects from the “Utah Compact” which states that immigration is a federal issue, that the local law enforcement institutions should not focus on civil violations of the federal code, it opposes to the politics that separate the family, and recognizes the need to adopt a more humanitarian approach to immigration issues.

Source: ACLU – American Civil Liberties Union of Utah

For more information visit: <http://www.aclu.org/immigrants-rights/la-aclu-y-la-nilc-entablan-demanda-impugnando-la-ley-muestreme-sus-papeles-de-utah>

## ACTIVITIES FROM THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER

### Driving Lessons:

Registration: \$195.

Classes begin in September

In June we had 15 students registered for driving lessons.

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## THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO SPEAKS ABOUT THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAWS IN UTAH

The Consulate of Mexico in Salt Lake City announced to the immigrants that the laws that were approved in Utah in regards to the possibility to create a program for temporal workers will start to take effect On July 1, 2013. The consulate warned that even with those laws, immigration services can still detain and deport people that do not provide valid immigration documents. The consulate also warns people to avoid trusting others to file their paperwork, such as those that assure that there are special visas for people that live in Utah.

If you are arrested, ask to talk to your lawyer, do not sign or respond to questions that you don't understand, ask about notifying the consulate. Above all, do not argue with the police officer, do not lie, do not resist, and do not run away. If you believe that your rights have been violated take note of the officer's information and look for witnesses. The consulate can help with information. Remember: The law does not permit one to be detained based on skin color and/or language.

Be informed- Consulate of Mexico  
Department of Protection: (801) 359-4843 extensiones 12, 13, 14 y 19  
consuladoslc@consulmexslc.org

## FILE CLAIMS IN THE ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union of Utah offers the possibility of filing a complaint when you believe that your rights have been violated. For this, the ACLU offers a complaint format that explains the circumstances under which such rights were affected, the reasons to file a complaint with the ACLU, the actions taken towards the issue, the results, and the expected action of the ACLU. For more information and to acquire the format please contact the Multicultural Center in Logan (435-753-8486, norma\_martinez16@yahoo.com) or the

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355 North 300 West,  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103  
Phone Number: 801-521-9862,  
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## NEW REGULATIONS TO RENOVATE OR OBTAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME A DRIVING PRIVILEGE CARD OR A LEARNER'S PERMIT

The State of Utah established that starting July 1st 2011, the Driver's License Division will require fingerprints and a current photo from those interested in obtaining for the first time or renewing their Driver's Privilege Card. The purpose of this is to verify and compare those fingerprints with criminal databases. The fingerprints and the photography must be brought to the Driver's License division in a sealed envelope given by the Bureau of Criminal Identification or a law enforcement agency.

In the event that a person has a felony (aggravated crimes such as rape, murder, assault) or a warrant in their police record, the Bureau of Criminal Identification will immediately notify Immigration agencies (Department of Homeland Security -DHS) of the immigration status of such person. However, this type of treatment will not take place if the applicant of the Driving Privilege Card only has a misdemeanor (or minor offense in their record).

USU Police Department takes your photograph and fingerprints. The estimated processing time is one week. This service is only offered by appointment and costs \$25. The applicant must submit valid documents with fingerprints and a government issued identification document such as a passport.

For more information contact USU Police Department:  
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