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No More Lost Green Cards!



USCIS announced that it has implemented a Secure Mail Initiative (SMI) in partnership with the US Postal Service. The program allows USCIS customers to track certain permanent resident and employment authorization documents through the mail with the help of Priority Mail and Delivery

Confirmation so that all documents are ensured to arrive in a safe, secure and timely manner. Click [here](#) to read the press release.

The Florida Legislative Session Ends Without an Immigration Bill

As referenced in our April 2011 update, the Florida Legislature had been working on bills that would require all employers in Florida to verify their employees' work eligibility status with the federal program known as E-Verify. However, the House and Senate lawmakers ended a 60-day session without coming to an agreement on the bill. Governor Scott met this outcome with "we've got the next session." Click [here](#) to read more via the Miami Herald.



Georgia Takes on More Immigration Regulation



Georgia lawmakers have passed an immigration bill that would allow law enforcement to request information about suspects' immigration status; requires private employers (those with more than 10 employees) to use E-Verify; and places new burdens

on state agencies and local government to ensure compliance. The bill is already facing criticism from President Obama and Georgia's business and immigrant community. To read the bill, click [here](#).

Mythbusters: Immigration Facts and Falsehoods

With immigration reform on so many state agendas this year, and Arizona's "show me your papers" bill and others like it still in the courts, many people have formed strong opinions about immigration, undocumented immigrants and their effect on our jobs and economy. However, many of these thoughts can be disproved in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's new report titled "Immigration Facts and Myths". It busts seven common misconceptions about immigration in our country and sheds some light on the real impacts of immigration on our workforce and economy. Click [here](#) to read the pamphlet.

Issuance of "No-Match" Letters Resumed

The Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that it will resume sending "No-Match" letters to individuals and employers. These letters are issued when there are discrepancies between the information reported on form W-2 and the SSA records. SSA stopped sending these letters in 2007 when regulation was being considered providing a 'safe-harbor' process for employers to follow upon receipt of a no-match letter.

The challenge now becomes whether receipt of a no-match letter gives the employer "constructive knowledge" that the employee is not authorized to work. Click [here](#) for some guidance on the letters for employees and employers from the Department of Justice.

Updates to come



AILA's Annual Conference is held June 15-18 in San Diego, CA. This conference is the biggest gathering of immigration lawyers of the year and combines phenomenal CLE programming and events. I will be there to continue to learn and stay up to date on immigration issues and to present on current adjustment of status matters. I look forward to updating you on what I learn.

Summer Vacation!

We will be taking a little summer vacation for the month of June, so our next issue of the Immigration Update E-Newsletter will arrive in July. I hope everyone who is traveling this summer has a safe and happy vacation and plenty of fun in the sun!



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