

LICENSES

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Brown, R-Jones, a member of the Department of Transportation appropriations committee.
"The states will make a decision that will be informed by the federal legislation," he said. "I don't think there's any question about that."
North Carolina law doesn't allow illegal immigrants to drive, but the standards for proof of legality are low enough to allow illegals to obtain licenses easily, said Jeff Lungren, Sensenbrenner's spokesman.
Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin have comparable laws. Utah fit the bill until Wednesday, when it approved tougher restrictions for licenses.
Under state law, noncitizens have to show legal status — such as refugee status or temporary stay — in order to get a license. But North Carolina accepts a taxpayer code as proof of this status, which allows people to circumvent the system.
New policy should include ways to track immigrants once their temporary status has expired and

to revoke the use of licenses as identification, Brown said.
"They come in on a temporary basis, then we just lose them in the system," he said.
The federal legislation won't refuse illegal immigrants the ability to drive, Lungren said. States could give illegals driving permits instead of licenses. Tennessee and Utah do this, but it's not clear whether North Carolina will follow suit.
N.C. Sen. Phil Berger, R-Guilford, a ranking minority member of the DOT committee, who has introduced a bill with strict requirements, said allowing illegals to drive encourages violation of the law.
"I think the Department of Homeland Security would have problems with states that encourage that," he said.
Two other bills, less strict than Berger's, already have been introduced to the legislature, Berger said, one with bipartisan sponsorship.
Sen. David Hoyle, D-Gaston, vice chairman of the transportation committee, said he thinks letting illegals drive but denying them access to legal identification strikes a fair balance and allows them transportation for working.
"That's reasonable," he said.

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successful academically and then provide the support that students need while they are here," Fulton said.
"We clearly are committed to that."
Some of that support comes from academic advising and other resources.
And research from the Office of Student Success and Retention and the UNC-system Office of the President has provided the university with information on ways to give students what they want and need to graduate.
Fulton said that getting students involved through new student orientation, clubs and organizations is a key to retention because they develop an attachment to

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the school, the campus and each other.
"If you can get students connected to the university, to each other and to the faculty, they will be more likely to perform at a higher rate, get better grades, have a better college experience. And they will be more likely to graduate."
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DURHAM TECH

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training needs are being met in Durham County. We thought they should be trained closer to home."
Baker said she was excited as well, saying the new campus would provide computer lab space and much-needed additional classrooms for the county.
Baker said the college still plans

on opening the site in fall 2007.
Phelps said that although the standoff has not adversely affected Hillsborough's plans thus far, it could turn away the college.
"The county has to spend the money by a certain amount of time, and if they don't, there is a possibility that the college won't come."
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KEGS

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Dale Pratt-Wilson, a local parent who has led a charge to reduce teen drinking, said kegs are a popular source of alcohol for local teens.
"Because it's a low-price, high-volume product, (kegs) are popular with young people," she said.
But others disagree.
"It's my understanding that's not how teenagers get their beer," said council member Mark Kleinschmidt. "It's usually ... getting a six-pack at a time or who can steal a bottle of liquor out of their parents' liquor cabinet."
Michael Finegan, student body vice president at East Chapel Hill High School, echoed Kleinschmidt's opinion.
"They are not very prevalent at all," he said of kegs. "About a tenth of the alcohol consumed in high school is from kegs."
Council member Dorothy Verkerk added that she thinks keg registration is an invasion of privacy.
"If you start registering kegs, you start tracking people's personal choices," she said.
Both Verkerk and Kleinschmidt said that in order to support the registration proposal, they need to see evidence proving that such invasion of privacy is warranted.
But Ward said the benefits outweigh the costs.
"It's a very important piece of legislation," he said, citing 23 states and the District of Columbia that have similar laws.
Chapel Hill police Chief Gregg Jarvies said the benefits of keg registration would do more than just curb underage drinking.
"I think it relieves the concerns of the merchants who sell or lease kegs," he said.
Larry Trollinger, owner of Ken's Quicke Mart, at 133 W. Franklin St., said he thinks the proposal would make people think twice before buying a keg for minors.
While Trollinger declined to comment on his average weekend keg sales, Saleem Saleh, a supervisor at Key Food Mart, at 325 W. Rosemary St., said his store sells about 10 kegs on a typical weekend.
Saleh said he records customers' names, along with their driver's license and telephone numbers, when they purchase kegs.
University seniors Jeff Eisenberg and Matt Gers said that in other states, kegs are tagged with a label that can be easily removed.
"The idea is good, but the actual way of going about it isn't," Eisenberg said.
At their Feb. 28 meeting, council members will discuss which legislative proposals — including Ward's keg registration idea — will be forwarded to state legislators at their legislative breakfast March 4.
Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said she thinks Ward's proposal would be well-received in the legislature.
"There are people out there who are very concerned about the tragedies resulting from the misuse of alcoholic beverages," she said.
Kinnaird said parents and community leaders most likely would catch the ears of legislators.
"When you have two groups coming together, (the legislation) might get a good shot."

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THE Daily Crossword

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28 ___ Plaines, IL
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41 Fifty-percent smarter?
44 "The Jetsons" dog
45 ___ homo (Behold the man!)
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APPLICANTS

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ers from the six who replied by the town's request for qualifications deadline Jan. 31.
The categories involved general information about the developers, experience and subjective material such as enthusiasm and level of detail in the requests.
"It's a very scientific approach," Stainback said.
LeylandAlliance LLC of Tuxedo, N.Y., is one of the development companies that returned an RFQ.
"(Franklin Street) does mean a lot, both as a place where the University and the town meet and as the identity of Chapel Hill," said Macon Toledano, vice president of planning and development for LeylandAlliance. "It has tremendous potential to be what it was in the past."
The company focuses on projects dealing with "mainstream" environments and mixed-use developments, Toledano said.
The company's RFQ response was filed jointly with Grubb Properties Inc. of Charlotte, which owns and manages three apartment complexes in the Chapel Hill area, including Glen Lennox.
The Pizzuti Companies of Columbus, Ohio, also responded to the RFQ.
Pizzuti develops build-to-suit public/private municipalities throughout the Southeast and Midwest.
"The fact that Chapel Hill wants to do this means they're thinking creatively and proactively," said Executive Vice President Joel Pizzuti.
East West Partners Management Co. Inc. of Chapel Hill, in association with Stonebridge Associates of Bethesda, Md., was another RFQ respondent.
East West owns Meadowmont, a mixed-use facility off N.C. 54. Stonebridge is known for its work

in planning for Carolina North, the University's future satellite campus.
"Downtown Chapel Hill is an exciting place to do business," East West President Roger Perry said. "It's a mixed use of office and residential space."
Federal Chapel Hill Associates LLC — working with Federal Development LLC of Washington, D.C. — also has local connections.
The company is working with Durham Public Schools to redevelop the City of Medicine Academy at Southern High School.
It also manages a 998-space parking garage on the Durham VA Medical Center campus.
"We feel like we're local," said John Infantino, chief executive manager of Federal Chapel Hill. "We're very familiar with Chapel Hill and the Triangle."
Opus South Corp., a national in-house real estate firm with a regional office in Alpharetta, Ga., also expressed interest in the project.
"Our work is done with a single entity in mind from day one," said Michael Dougherty, real estate manager for Opus South.
Opus South built the headquarters for UnitedHealth Group in Greensboro.
Ram Development Co., of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., also responded to the RFQ.
The company has developed two apartment complexes in Raleigh and is active in Florida, Texas and Michigan.
The town's committee on parking lots 2 and 5 will discuss Stainback's short list Wednesday before making a recommendation at the council's Feb. 28 meeting.
Requests for funding proposals will be sent out to sort out how exactly the projects will be financed.
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