

Illinois Secretary of State Liaison

Fall 2025 Meeting (11.17.2025)

1. How is IL SOS handling the volatility surrounding TPS, in particular Venezuelan TPS? Does it recognize the 180-day auto extension when TPS is neither explicitly extended or revoked within 60 days of its expiration date? Can people with Venezuelan TPS renew or get licenses now and if so, under what circumstances? **If Venezuelan applicants have applied before 2/5/2025 then an EAD with an expiration of 2/10/2026 would be sufficient for renewal through that day. IL SOS is also accepting EADs with expiration dates of 09/10/2025 and 04/02/2025 with a notice of receipt with a receipt date of 2/5/2025 or earlier. They can also seek a non status TVDL but they need valid passport. IL SOS is honoring Venezuelan government's auto extensions of passports.**
2. We have heard SAVE is issuing status change reports, particularly for people with c11 (parolee) EADs to reflect when the underlying parole has been revoked – is IL SOS checking these reports to look for EADs that have been revoked when people apply for licenses? **No, IL SOS doesn't check. But they will run SAVE checks for people seeking REAL IDs or renewing CDLs.**
3. Any comment on news reports that local police department is sharing license plate info with CBP? Has CBP approached IL SOS for data? **No, they haven't approached IL SOS for data and DHS and CBP are blocked from getting data through LEADS. But local PDs have access and could share with ICE though this could be a violation of the Trust Act.**
4. Do you have a REAL ID update? What are the plans for Loop super center? Where is it located now? How much longer will it be open? What are the wait times and volume of applicants you are seeing for REAL IDs? **IL SOS has issued 1.2 million REAL IDs so far this year. The super center lease was extended for one year. Volume has not tapered off enough yet to close it so it will remain open for now. IL SOS is processing 700-800 REAL IDs a day. That's down a little from the 1100 a day in April/May. Expect about an hour wait if you go to the super center at busy times (first thing in morning, lunch time, or 4-5pm). Other times it is more like half an hour. IL SOS advises not going between 4-5pm.**
5. Have ICE/DHS agents shown up at IL SOS facilities? Do you have plans if this happens? **No, they have not shown up. They have been nearby. IL SOS does have plans but doesn't share them publicly. IL SOS has met with police and security guards at their facilities over these plans.**
6. Can you remind us on when people can get 90-day temporary extensions and what documents they should bring when seeking those? We understand that people waiting on extensions of status or extensions of employment authorization can normally get these.

Are there any other situations? **These are the main two. Please note that IL SOS does not accept evidence that a travel document is being renewed. After third temporary extension request IL SOS runs the applicant through SAVE. EAD renewals or extensions of NIV status have to be filed timely to get the 90 days. People eligible for auto extensions should get license for full auto extension period not just the 90 days.**

7. Does IL SOS make people go through a fraud hearing if they let another person use their ID? If so, what are the possible consequences? **They are subject to a one-year fraud suspension but they don't necessarily have to go through a fraud hearing because their identity is not in question. It depends if they have just let someone use their ID or if they have given their documents to someone else so that person can get a new license. In the latter case they have to go through an interview with IL SOS police (also known as a fraud hearing) to determine which identity belongs to which person. Additional Note regarding the use of body cameras during fraud investigation interviews: all sworn officers are wearing body cameras and will have them turned on when conducting an investigation, including during an interview. There are some districts that have civilian investigators who are not required by law to use body cameras. Thus, whether a body camera is used during an interview will depend on whether the SOS employee is a sworn officer or a civilian.**
8. Can you provide an update on SB 0275, the legislation to allow mobile licenses and also to extend the validity of licenses to eight years? **The eight years license is still a ways off because the effective date isn't until 2027 but mobile licenses will be coming soon, perhaps as soon as this week for iPhone users. Will take a little longer for Android users.**
9. How long does the ILSOS take to mail out suspension letters after fraud hearings? We heard reports that letters are taking 3 to 6 months. This is an issue because those letters initiate the 12 month suspension. Can suspension dates be applied retroactively to the date of the Fraud hearing? Can letters be produced more timely? **Fraud is currently processing cases sent over by SOS Police in three weeks, so they have made good progress.**
10. Has IL SOS reviewed the Department of Transportation's interim final rule announced September 29 restricting which non-citizens are eligible for a CDL? How will this affect IL SOS's policies regarding issuing or renewing CDLs for non-citizens. **IL SOS paused issuance of non-domicile CDLs (those issued to non USCs or LPRs) on 09/26. This is still paused. They will evaluate again at the end of this week but issuance will likely remain paused until the end of the year. The pause affects renewals as well. IL SOS is not revoking currently issued CDLs but they have been recommended to review all currently issued CDLs to make sure they were issued properly in accordance with previous regulations and revoke if there are any issues.**

11. ILSOS training and preparation in light of USCIS recent Interim Final Rule Published Ending the Practice of Automatically Extending Certain EADs.
<https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-ends-automatic-extension-of-employment-authorization>. **Those no longer eligible for auto-extended EADs can still get 90-day extension if they timely filed renewals. IL SOS is training staff on this. They are aware it doesn't apply to STEM EAD auto extensions. Letters from attorneys can help with these issues.**

12. Any updates related to ICE's misuse, alteration or swapping of Illinois license plates. **IL SOS set up a hotline so people could report on ICE misuse. The number to call to report plate swapping is 312-814-1730 or email platewatch@ilsos.gov. They are getting a lot of reports. Their police department reviews these. ICE is using a lot of rental cars. They have let the rental companies know this is happening and it shouldn't be. They have a lawyer who works on this issue a lot.**