

A large, blurred image of a Texas Driver License is in the background. The word "TEXAS" is visible at the top, and a photo of a person is on the right side.

Real I.D. Program

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The Real I.D. Program

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 - History
 - State's Requirements for Compliance
 - Issuing Standards
 - Texas Temporary Driver License and Identification Card
 - Challenges for Texas
 - Safety Concerns



The Real I.D. Program

- The Real I.D. Act of 2005 was created:
 - because of the 9/11 attacks
 - to protect America from Terrorists and Identity Theft
 - to improve the security of each state's Driver License and Personal Identification Card
 - requires a national standard for Driver Licenses and Personal I.D. Cards
 - initially all states must have complied by May 11, 2008
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security



The Real I.D. Program

- 56 U.S. Jurisdictions granted an Extension
 - approval granted by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff
 - December 31, 2009
 - allowed the Texas Legislature to consider approval and funding in the next legislative session, beginning January 2009
- Reason for Extension
 - state's implementation costs
 - 3.9 to 11.0 billion dollars estimate cost
 - some Federal Government assistance is available
 - \$110 Million in the President's 2009 Fiscal Year Budget



The Real I.D. Program

- Real I.D. Requirements
 - all driver license and identification card holders must present their respective identity credentials to the driver license office personnel to obtain a Real ID
 - an estimate of 21 million drivers in Texas





The Real I.D. Program

- Documents Minimum Requirements for Real I.D.
 - full legal name
 - date of birth
 - gender
 - driver's license or identification card number
 - digital photograph
 - principle address
 - personal signature
 - physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes
 - a common machine-readable technology, with defined minimum data elements



The Real I.D. Program

- Minimum Issuance Standards Before Issuing a Driver's License or Identification Card to a Person
 - a photo identity document
 - a non-photo identity document is acceptable if it includes both the person's full legal name and date of birth
 - documentation showing the person's date of birth
 - proof of the person's social security account number or verification that the person is not eligible for a social security account number
 - documentation showing the person's name and address of principal residence



The Real I.D. Program

- Special Requirements for State's Compliance
 - Evidence of Lawful Status
 - is a citizen or national of the United States (U.S.)
 - is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the U.S.
 - has conditional permanent resident status in the U.S.
 - has an approval application for asylum in the U.S. or has entered into the U.S. in refugee status
 - has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the U.S.
 - has a pending application for asylum in the U.S.
 - has a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the U.S.



The Real I.D. Program

- Temporary Driver's License / Identification Card
 - Issued to the following people:
 - is a citizen or national of the United States (U.S.)
 - is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the U.S.
 - has conditional permanent resident status in the U.S.
 - has an approval application for asylum in the U.S. or has entered into the U.S. in refugee status
 - has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the U.S.
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The Real I.D. Program

- Temporary Driver's License / Identification Card
 - Expiration Date
 - valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the U.S. or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year
 - Expiration Date Displayed
 - D.L. or I.D. Card shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the date on which it expires



The Real I.D. Program

- Temporary Driver's License / Identification Card
 - Renewal
 - may be renewed only upon presentation of valid documentary evidence that the status by which the applicant qualified for temporary driver's license or temporary identification card has been extended by the Secretary of Homeland Security
 - no renewal will be given if the lawful admission period is less than (6) months



The Real I.D. Program

- Temporary Driver's License / Identification Card
 - began in Texas on **October 01, 2008**
 - issued to Non-Citizens

Vertical Card



Temporary Visitor

Expiration Date



The Real I.D. Program

- Significant Challenges for Texas
 - require “ALL” 21 million existing Texas driver license and identification holders to present identity credentials to DL office personnel
 - implementation challenges with operational, legislative, technological and fiscal limitations
 - require additional staff, facilities, training and the development, expansion and deployment of numerous real-time verification systems
 - the discontinuation of alternate renewal methods via Texas Online (internet, mail and telephone) during the re-verification period



The Real I.D. Program

- Texas Citizens Compliance
 - residence born after December 01, 1964
 - must obtain a Real I.D. by December 14, 2014
 - residence born before December 01, 1964
 - must obtain a Real I.D. by December 01, 2017
- Failure to Comply
 - federal agencies will not accept any state-issued D.L. / I.D. for official federal purposes unless such card has been issued by a state that has been certified by Department of Homeland Security
- Official Federal Purposes
 - access Federal facilities
 - board Federally regulated commercial aircraft
 - enter into nuclear plants
 - any other purpose that the Department of Homeland Security Secretary shall determine



The Real I.D. Program

- Safety Concern
 - when an illegal immigrant cannot produce Real documents, they will not be able to get a driver's license or personal identification card which means:
 - they would possibly still enter the U.S. unidentified
 - simply drive without a license or training which would make the roads more dangerous





The Real I.D. Program

- Summary
 - to protect America from terrorists
 - standardize the rules for States when issuing Driver Licenses and Personal Identification Cards
 - 56 Jurisdictions have been granted an extension until December 31, 2009 to comply
 - states are requesting financial support from the Federal government
 - the Real I.D. Program will be able to better track illegal immigrants because the expiration date on their D.L. or I.D. card will match their period of authorization by the federal authorities





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