

Let's Nullify the Real ID Act of 2005

The Real ID Act of 2005 was to be implemented by May of 2008, however, Homeland Security has delay its implementation several times. On March 4 of this year, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano extended the May 10, 2011 deadline until January 15, 2013 for states to be in full compliance with Real ID. To date, fifteen states have passed statutes nullifying the Real ID Act of 2005.

During Pennsylvania's 2007 - 2008 legislative session, the House had 90 co-sponsors to prohibit Real ID. The House passed a bill to prohibit Real ID, however, it died in the Senate Communications and Technology Committee at the end of the session.

During Pennsylvania's 2009 - 2010 legislative session, the Senate passed a bill to prohibit implementation of Real ID in Pennsylvania toward the end of the session. The bill arrived in the House Transportation Committee where it was voted out of Committee and to the House floor for its first reading. It then died in the House Appropriations Committee before the session ended.

In this current session, the Senate passed Senate Bill 354 to prohibit the implementation of Real ID in Pennsylvania by a vote of 50 - 0. SB 354 is now in the State Government Committee. House Bill 1783 is identical to Senate Bill 354. There are currently 20 co-sponsors on the House bill to prohibit Real ID in Pennsylvania.

It's been said that the third time is a charm. Let's make this the year Pennsylvania rejects the Real ID Act of 2005 and send a message to Washington, DC, that Real ID is unconstitutional and therefore we nullify the act in Pennsylvania.

Real ID violates our privacy.

Real ID violates our religious freedom.

Real ID subjects our citizens to identity theft.

Real ID will cost Pennsylvanians \$39 million each year plus start up cost.

Real ID cannot stop a terrorist from committing an act of terrorism.

Please co-sponsor HB 1783 to prohibit the implementation of Real ID in Pennsylvania.