

Subject REAL ID Act implementation

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## Overview

This bill concerns state implementation of compliance with the federal REAL ID Act. It (1) removes background check requirements for staff who do not handle REAL ID-compliant applicant data, (2) modifies the types of documents that are accepted in showing proof of Minnesota residency when applying for a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card, and (3) appropriates \$2.7 million for temporary staffing.

## Summary

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Background checks authorized.</b> |
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Eliminates mandatory background checks for driver licensing staff (at the department and driver's license agent offices) if they do not handle applicant records for REAL ID-compliant or enhanced licenses and Minnesota identification cards.

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Evidence; residence in Minnesota.</b> |
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Modifies and generally broadens the list of documents that can be used to demonstrate Minnesota residency when applying for a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card, including to:

- remove a condition where utility bills and utility hook-up orders are not accepted if two unrelated people are listed;
- lengthen the accepted date range for various types of documents (such as utility bills, bank statements, pay stubs, and insurance policies) to a year instead of 90 days;
- remove requirements that a high school or college transcript must be accompanied by an identification card;
- accept an insurance card, cell phone bills, and game and fish licenses;
- allow property tax statements and notices from the prior year;

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- remove the date limitation on vehicle title and property title or deed documents;
- allow youth applicants to use one document addressed to a parent or guardian; and
- no longer accept a canceled check or a life insurance policy.

Clarifies that the address shown on the document must be the applicant's principle residence address.

The changes are effective the first Monday after four weeks following enactment.

**3 Driver services temporary staffing; appropriation.**

Appropriates \$2.709 million from the vehicle services operating account in fiscal year 2020 for temporary staff to assist in administration and issuance of driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards. It is a onetime appropriation.



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