

**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, and (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. The changes are effective the day after enactment.

## Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Background checks authorized.</b></p> <p>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.</p>   |
| 2 | <p><b>Evidence; residence in Minnesota.</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ remove a condition where utility bills and utility hook-up orders are not accepted if two unrelated people are listed;</li><li>▪ 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;</li><li>▪ accept an insurance card;</li><li>▪ allow property tax statements and notices from the prior year;</li><li>▪ remove the date limitation on vehicle title and property title or deed documents; and</li><li>▪ no longer accept a canceled check or a life insurance policy.</li></ul> |

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