

Top Reasons to Oppose RealID

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Privacy & Security Concerns

- Mandating that each state create a database without statutory limitations on what information can be placed in the database (i.e., in a person's record), including source documents [§202(d)(13)]

- Mandating that each state give every other state "electronic access" to the database (i.e., people's records) with the ostensible but unstated limited purpose of ensuring that no driver holds more than one license and without a limitation on creating a central ID database [§202(d)(12)]

- Mandating that each state give every other state "electronic access" to the database (i.e., people's records) and without statutory limitations on what information can be shared between states and for what purposes; who else (e.g., other state agencies, federal agencies, thirdparties) can access the databases and for what purposes [§202(d)(12)]

- Moving states toward digitally copying all highly-sensitive source documents (e.g., birth certificate, Social Security Card, passport, utility bill) and housing them in a database; and without statutory limitations on who can access them and for what purposes [§202(d)(2)]

- Mandating that states "verify" source documents without statutory limitations related to the collection and sharing of personal information, by whom and for what purposes [§202(c)(3)(A)]

- Mandating that each card have Machine Readable Technology (MRT); and without statutory limitations on what information is stored in the Machine Readable Zone (MRZ), who can "skim" information from the MRZ (e.g., state agencies, federal agencies, third-parties) and for what purposes; and without statutory security requirements such as encryption [§202(b)(9)]

- No statutory limitations on "official purpose" [§202(a)(1)]

- No statutory clarity on whether driver's license/ID card number will be unique within a state or across the nation [§202(b)(4)]

NOTE: There are portions of the Act with which the CDT does agree.

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