

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the United States Congress to delay the implementation of REAL ID
3 until 2026.

4 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the REAL ID Act in 2005 to enhance
5 security standards for identification; and

6 WHEREAS, to board domestic flights, access certain federal buildings and military
7 bases, and enter nuclear power plants beginning May 7, 2025, will require a REAL ID or
8 another acceptable form of identification; and

9 WHEREAS, the office of motor vehicles (OMV) is urging residents to take action
10 to avoid delays; and

11 WHEREAS, unlike some states participating in the remote renewal initiatives,
12 residents of Louisiana must visit an OMV office to obtain a REAL ID license; and

13 WHEREAS, as of November 2024, only twenty five percent of approximately four
14 million drivers statewide have obtained a REAL ID compliant driver's license; and

15 WHEREAS, numerous factors have caused residents to lack the urgency to obtain
16 a REAL ID compliant license; such as, repeated delays in enforcement deadlines, the
17 pandemic, and inconsistent application procedures across the state; and

18 WHEREAS, as residents of Louisiana now familiarize themselves with the
19 application process, timing is an issue; and

1 WHEREAS, the May 7, 2025, deadline is quickly approaching and delaying
2 implementation would allow additional time for residents to update their identifications to
3 meet the REAL ID standards.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to delay
6 implementation of REAL ID until 2026.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the
9 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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Memorializes the U.S. Congress to delay the implementation of REAL ID in La. until 2026.