

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES