

What is Real ID?

Real ID is the Federal program seeking to collect and archive personal data about an individual and then assign us each a federal, machine readable number which will be required for everything from air travel to opening a bank account. Real ID will make it much easier to identify and track the individual, her associations, purchases and services. The implications of Real ID go far beyond Drivers's licenses.

What is LD 2309? <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/chapters/PUBLIC648.asp>

LD2309 -An Act To Enhance the Security of State Credentials -is Maine's first partial implementation of RealID. It directs the Secretary of State and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to implement rules as outlined by Homeland Security, regarding the most common form of identification; state Driver's Licenses. Governor Baldacci introduced this legislation despite the fact that Maine has a law on the books passed nearly unanimously, stating that we will in no way comply with RealID

[PUBLIC Law, Chapter 251

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/externalsiteframe.asp?ID=280023863&LD=1138&Type=1&SessionID=7>]

What is LD 2304? <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/chapters/PUBLIC659.asp> The Governor keeps saying, when asked about our repealing this Real ID law, that it's simply about making Maine licenses more secure, "for instance like making sure Maine licenses only go to Maine residents...." That is NOT what this bill is about. That was a bill passed a week before this one. We are NOT repealing LD 2304, the Maine residency law.

Many will try to confuse LD2309 with LD2304 -An Act To Require That a Person Be a Maine Resident in Order To Be Issued a Maine Driver's License. LD2304 requires residency in Maine for those wishing to obtain a Driver's License. They are different bills. LD2304 was passed before LD2309.

Why is LD 2309 so bad?

LD2309, the Real ID legislation leads us toward a 1) gross violation of individual privacy, is a 2) huge unfunded mandate, 3) turns the State of Maine into a proxy police force for Homeland Security -a violation of States Rights and 4) erodes civil rights as it disallows anyone without a machine readable ID to enter a federal building which keeps us not only from the federal court system, social security offices, post offices, but our Congressional delegation among other places funded by our tax dollars.

1) Privacy

Full compliance with Real ID, which is where we are being pushed, mandates each state create a database without statutory limitations on what information can be placed in the database including source documents [like birth certificate] (§202(d)(13)]. The law further mandates each state give every other state "electronic access: to the database without statutory limitations on what information can be shared between states and for what purpose; who else can access the databases [ie: other state agencies, federal agencies, third parties] and for what purposes [§202(d)12]

The Director of Homeland Security [Chertoff] may extend these data requirements as he wishes at any time. Chertoff proudly claims you will need Real ID to open a bank account, get a license or any governmental service. Our Secretary of State is currently refusing to provide Homeland Security this unfettered access.

2) Unfunded mandate

The best estimates suggest that bringing Drivers' Licenses up to these intrusive standards will cost Maine at least \$71M over the next few years. A US Passport, without fingerprinting, facial recognition or other biometrics, costs more than \$100. It's unlikely Maine can do the same work any cheaper than the Federal government. To avoid making this an election issue, the Legislature left LD2309 out of the budget.

3) Proxy police force

LD2309, this next step to Real ID compliance, requires the Secretary of State and BMV to enforce immigration laws that are solely under federal jurisdiction per the US Constitution.

Some Responses to various arguments for Real ID:

Convenience:

- a. We will ALL be fingerprinted, retinally scanned or DNA printed. That's inconvenient.
- b. Changing presumption of innocence to presumption of guilt is inconvenient.
- c. Nearly ALL of us need drivers licenses and/or photo ID cards.
- e. NOT repealing Maine Real ID, THAT would be "unfriendly to business"
- f. Long lines waiting to be fingerprinted, documents scanned, waiting for and paying for machine readable driver's licenses, for every Mainer...THAT is inconvenient.

Immigration:

- a. Immigration is explicitly a federal issue. The State of Maine not only can't constitutionally be an Immigration Bureau, we don't have the resources, finances or ability to enforce immigration law.
- b. There is no proof that we know of that supports the Governor and Chertoff's claim that people are coming in by truckloads, van loads, plane loads to get Maine licenses. Show us the proof.
- c. The alleged 9-11 hijackers would all have gotten Real ID LEGALLY.

Residency Requirement for Licenses:

Wrong bill. That is LD2304. Anyone who suggests that is part of this bill is misleading you.

I've done nothing wrong, why should I care?

- a. The Federal government is involved in illegal wiretapping, indiscriminate accessing of our email, massive financial looting, imperial adventures abroad, the taking of our own DNA and that of our children. More than a thousand signing statements. The Federal government has earned our mistrust.
- b. There will be no restrictions on who, what, when, where and why these data will be used or by whom. The data might as well be designed to leak. Michael Chertoff has said he has no idea how to secure the data collected.
- c. The SAVE database [see background info on bill], into which Maine will join under this legislation, is wrong over 60% of the time.
- d. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff proudly claims you will need Real ID to open a bank account, get a license or any governmental service. That will creep to other areas of our lives: home-buying, renting, employment, education, health care and rationing.

Maine was singled out. Several other states refused to comply with Homeland Security edicts and got waivers anyway....why? The argument that these provision/regulations make us safer when the standards are different for every state and Homeland Security didn't make many states comply is ridiculous.

See YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSZuHWczcDg> Big Brother Pizza Order

www.realrepeal.net

Repeal Real ID for ME