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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY

MARCH 12, 2007

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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Urges the United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005. (BDR R-1390)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, In May of 2005, the United States Congress passed  
2 the REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental  
3 Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and  
4 Tsunami Relief, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, The REAL ID Act establishes certain standards,  
6 procedures and requirements that must be met by May 11, 2008, if  
7 state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards are to be  
8 accepted as valid identification by the Federal Government; and

9 WHEREAS, It is estimated that the REAL ID Act will cost the  
10 states over \$11 billion to implement, according to a study conducted  
11 by the National Governors' Association, the National Conference of  
12 State Legislatures and the American Association of Motor Vehicle  
13 Administrators, and Congress has only appropriated \$40 million to  
14 assist all states in implementing the Real ID Act; and

15 WHEREAS, Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles calculates  
16 that the cost of implementing the REAL ID Act in Nevada will be  
17 approximately \$30.1 million over the 2007-2009 biennium; and

18 WHEREAS, The REAL ID Act constitutes an unfunded mandate  
19 by the Federal Government to the states; and

20 WHEREAS, Nevada's compliance with the provisions of the  
21 REAL ID Act will require that, over the course of 4 years, an  
22 estimated 2 million Nevadans will be subjected to the unnecessary



1 inconvenience of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license or  
2 identification card in person at offices of Nevada's Department of  
3 Motor Vehicles; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
5 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada State Legislature urges the  
6 United States Congress and the United States Department of  
7 Homeland Security to repeal the REAL ID Act and to address the  
8 intent of the REAL ID Act through the existing identification  
9 programs already in place through the states' departments of motor  
10 vehicles or through the Federal Government's passport program;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
13 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United  
14 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding  
15 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional  
17 Delegation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
19 passage.

