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### REAL ID Modernization Act Introduced

Senator Ron Johnson, Chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, has introduced the REAL ID Modernization Act ([S. 4133](#)). This legislation represents tremendous collaborative efforts to improve and modernize the current REAL ID Act ([P.L. 109-13](#)). Among other considerations, the Act includes provisions that:

- Allows a state, pending Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulation, to accept the electronic presentation of identity and lawful status information.
- Amends the definition of driver's licenses (and identification cards) to include driver's licenses (or IDs) stored or accessed via electronic means, such as mobile or digital driver's licenses.
- Allows for the acceptance of digital photographs that are already on file with the state if the photo was taken within 6 years of application.
- Provides a permanent authorization for REAL ID grants.
- Requires aircraft operators and third party reservation entities to notify passengers of requirements of the REAL ID Act.
- Modifies SSN and address requirements.

This legislation follows months of stakeholder negotiation, including a DHS [Request for Information](#) soliciting solutions to the REAL ID Act modernization. AAMVA commends the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the National Governor's Association (NGA), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) whose continued leadership resulted in this much-needed legislative proposal. AAMVA will continue to monitor the bill's progress and will advise members accordingly.

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