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U.S. Department of Homeland Security Extends REAL ID to October 1, 2021

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has [announced](#) that it is extending the REAL ID Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-13) until **October 1, 2021**. DHS will accompany the announcement with a notice of the new deadline in the Federal Register in the coming days.

Separately, the United States Congress has also included language that would extend the deadline for REAL ID until September 30, 2021. The language was included as part of the enormous \$2 trillion supplemental appropriations package ([HR 748](#)) designed to mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The REAL ID extension language is included in Section 160006 of the legislation.

AAMVA will continue to monitor details as provided by Congress and DHS.

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