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DHS Releases Updated Information on Compliance with Real ID

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that they have found Montana and Kentucky have made sufficient progress in meeting the standards of the Real ID Act and therefore qualify for an extension. The determination made by DHS means that federal agencies can resume accepting driver's licenses and identification cards issued by these two states for access to federal facilities.

According to DHS, there are now ten states/territories whose driver's licenses and identification cards federal agencies cannot accept: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, and Washington. DHS is in the process of updating the Real ID Web page to reflect these changes.

Earlier in the week, DHS disseminated letters to all Governors and Department of Motor Vehicle points of contacts providing each state with an update on the status of Real ID enforcement as it pertains to each state. AAMVA continues to encourage states to work closely with DHS as they evaluate state licensing programs and progress with their phased enforcement schedule. Questions regarding Real ID should be directed to Ted Sobel, Director of State Issued ID Support at ted.sobel@hq.dhs.gov.

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