

SENATE BILL 576

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **REAL ID Act of 2005 – Implementation of Regulations or Policies –**
3 **Expenditure of Funds**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Transportation and the Motor
5 Vehicle Administration from expending any funds for the implementation of any
6 regulations or policies intended to bring the State into compliance with the
7 federal REAL ID Act of 2005, beginning with a certain fiscal year; and generally
8 relating to implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

9 Preamble

10 WHEREAS, The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 imposes a mandate on the State
11 of Maryland to participate in a program of providing a national driver's license
12 without providing the funding to the State necessary to implement the program; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 converts the state driver's
14 licensing function into federal law enforcement and national security functions that
15 are outside the purpose and core competency of driver licensing bureaus; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 will impose major inconveniences
17 and higher taxes and fees on all residents of Maryland with no attendant benefit such
18 as protection from terrorism; and

19 WHEREAS, The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 will create a massive public
20 sector database that can be shared with the United States and agencies of other states
21 making it more likely that the information about individual residents of Maryland will
22 be stolen, sold, or otherwise used for criminal purposes and will violate their privacy;
23 now, therefore,

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That, beginning with fiscal year 2009, the Department of

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Transportation and the Motor Vehicle Administration may not expend funds for the
2 implementation of any regulations or policies intended to bring the State into
3 compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2008.