

## **SR 20 - As Adopted by Senate, March 21, 2007**

Senators Pappageorge, Brown, Richardville, Kahn, Birkholz and Garcia offered the following resolution:

### **Senate Resolution No. 20.**

A resolution to urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Whereas, In response to the need for heightened security measures following the 9-11 attacks, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005. This legislation requires the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver's licenses. Digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities will be required. The act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative also greatly alter the documentation required from American citizens seeking reentry into this country; and

Whereas, As the deadlines for full compliance with the requirements of the Real ID Act approach, there remains a significant level of confusion over how the states can meet target dates and develop the necessary policies and technology. With the size and scope of the task of redesigning driver's licenses and increasing identification procedures in all 50 states, the current uncertainties are complicating our ability to make our homeland more secure; and

Whereas, As with any undertaking of this magnitude, there are major costs involved. At this point, however, there seems to be no comprehensive estimate of the overall economic impact of complying with the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and

Whereas, The multiple issues involved in following the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are vitally important in Michigan. With some of the world's busiest international crossing points, especially at the Detroit/Windsor border, Michigan has a strong stake in this transition proceeding smoothly and with all the information needed to do so; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the United States Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.