



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LR 28**

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**Hearing Date:** February 26, 2007

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Fischer)

**Title:** Provide the Legislature opposes enactment or enforcement in the State of Nebraska of the REAL ID Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- X Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

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| 6 | Yes                 | Senators Stuthman, Schimek, Fischer, Aguilar, Mines and Pedersen |
|   | No                  |  |
| 2 | Present, not voting | Senators Louden and Hudkins                                      |
|   | Absent              |  |
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**Proponents:**

Senator Deb Fischer, Introducer  
Laural S. Marsh

**Representing:**

District #43  
ACLU Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 28 urges Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act to avoid the significant problems it currently poses to state sovereignty and individual liberty.

In May of 2005 the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act, which requires certain state standards and procedures for issuing drivers licenses and identification cards if they are to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government. As passed, the act will have a wide-reaching impact on Nebraska’s citizens because it will require changes to all existing licenses and ID’s, and alter the business practices of the Nebraska Department of Motor

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Vehicles. The Nebraska DMV has estimated the state's cost in implementing the act to be \$26 million. The act has an effective date of May 11, 2008.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson**