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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179

Introduced by Fischer, 43;

PURPOSE: The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 will be implemented on May 11, 2008. The act provides a detailed list of certain standards, procedures, and requirements for issuing state driver's licenses and identification cards if such documents are to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government. The United States Department of Homeland Security has recently issued its notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the act. The final rule adopted by the department is likely to have several changes made to required processes. Regardless, the act will have a profound impact on Nebraska's current driver's license and identification card issuing practices. Planning and investigation has already begun on how Nebraska driver's license and identification card holders will be affected.

The study shall consider the different alternatives available to the Department of Motor Vehicles in implementing the REAL ID Act of 2005, including central issuance and regional sites and the consequences of gravitating towards such a business model. In addition, the study will analyze the final rule adopted by the United States Department of Homeland Security, what it means to Nebraska's citizens, and what the Department of Motor Vehicles has done in investigating possible alternatives if Nebraska were to

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begin implementing the act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

- 1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications

 Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
- 2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.