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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Mr. FLAKE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENTS IN IDENTIFICATION-RELATED**
 4 **DOCUMENTS.**

5 (a) PROOF OF IDENTITY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—A Federal agency may not
 7 accept for any identification-related purpose a driv-
 8 er’s license, or other comparable identification docu-
 9 ment, issued by a State to any person, unless the
 10 application process for the license or document in-
 11 cludes the presentation by the applicant of evidence
 12 of identity in accordance with this subsection.

13 (2) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (A) NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS.—The appli-
 15 cant shall present—

16 (i) 2 documents described in this sub-
 17 section, if at least 1 contains a clear photo-
 18 graph of the applicant and at least 1 is a
 19 primary document; or

20 (ii) 3 documents described in this sub-
 21 section, if at least 1 is a primary docu-
 22 ment.

23 (B) ORIGINALS OR CERTIFIED COPIES.—

24 All documents presented shall be originals or
 25 copies certified by the issuing agency.

1 (C) ENGLISH.—All documents presented
2 shall be in English.

3 (3) PRIMARY DOCUMENTS.—For purposes of
4 this subsection, the following shall be considered pri-
5 mary documents, if they include the date of birth of
6 the applicant:

7 (A) Birth certificate (or delayed birth cer-
8 tificate) issued in any State, territory, or pos-
9 session of the United States.

10 (B) United States Certificate of Birth
11 Abroad.

12 (C) United States passport.

13 (D) Foreign passport with a visa valid for
14 admission into the United States, and an ad-
15 mission stamp or Arrival-Departure Record
16 (Department of Homeland Security Form I-94)
17 in the passport.

18 (E) Arrival-Departure Record (Department
19 of Homeland Security Form I-94) with a pho-
20 tograph.

21 (F) Alien Registration Receipt Card (De-
22 partment of Homeland Security Form I-551)
23 (issued after March 1977).

1 (G) Employment Authorization Card (De-
2 partment of Homeland Security Form I-688A,
3 I-688B, or I-766).

4 (H) United States Certificate of Natu-
5 ralization.

6 (I) United States Certificate of Citizen-
7 ship.

8 (J) Driver's license, instruction permit, or
9 identification card issued by any State, terri-
10 tory, or possession of the United States after
11 the effective date of this Act.

12 (K) Tribal Certificate of Indian Blood.

13 (L) Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs Af-
14 fidavit of Birth.

15 (M) Department of Defense Certificate of
16 Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD
17 Form 214).

18 (N) Department of Defense identification
19 card issued to an active duty, reserve, or retired
20 member of the Armed Forces of the United
21 States.

22 (4) SECONDARY DOCUMENTS.—For purposes of
23 this subsection, the following shall be considered sec-
24 ondary documents:

1 (A) Department of Defense identification
2 card issued to a dependent.

3 (B) Department of Defense driver's li-
4 cense.

5 (C) Social Security Card.

6 (D) Motor vehicle record or clearance let-
7 ter (within 30 days of issue).

8 (E) Legal guardian affidavit.

9 (F) Selective Service System Registration
10 Acknowledgement Card.

11 (G) Department of the Treasury, Internal
12 Revenue Service Form W-2 Wage and Tax
13 Statement.

14 (H) Department of Veterans Affairs identi-
15 fication card.

16 (I) Concealed weapon permit.

17 (J) Medical insurance identification card.

18 (K) Professional license.

19 (L) Bank card.

20 (M) Credit card.

21 (N) Employee identification badge (with
22 photograph).

23 (O) School identification card (with photo-
24 graph).

1 (P) Marriage license issued by any State,
2 territory, or possession of the United States.

3 (Q) Any of the following orders or decrees
4 from a court of record:

5 (i) Divorce.

6 (ii) Adoption.

7 (iii) Name change.

8 (iv) Bankruptcy.

9 (v) Emancipation.

10 (b) EXPIRATION OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS
11 ISSUED TO NONIMMIGRANTS.—A Federal agency may not
12 accept for any identification-related purpose a driver's li-
13 cense, or other comparable identification document, issued
14 by a State to any person, unless the State has in effect
15 a policy requiring any such license or document, when
16 issued by the State to a nonimmigrant alien, to bear an
17 expiration date that is not later than—

18 (1) the last day of the nonimmigrant alien's
19 lawfully authorized period of stay in the United
20 States; or

21 (2) 5 years after the date on which the license
22 or document is issued, in any case in which the non-
23 immigrant alien's lawfully authorized period of
24 stay—

1 (A) is modified at any time after the
2 alien's admission into the United States; or

3 (B) does not expire on a date certain.

4 (c) GRANTS TO STATES.—The Secretary of Home-
5 land Security shall make grants to States to assist them
6 in complying with the requirements described in sub-
7 sections (a) and (b).

8 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
9 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, but
10 shall apply only to licenses or documents issued to a non-
11 immigrant alien for the first time after such effective date
12 and to replacement or renewal licenses or documents
13 issued according to State law after such effective date.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

15 (1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal
16 agency” means any of the following:

17 (A) An Executive agency (as defined in
18 section 105 of title 5, United States Code).

19 (B) An agency in the judicial branch of the
20 Government of the United States.

21 (2) NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN.—The term “non-
22 immigrant alien” means an alien who is lawfully ad-
23 mitted to the United States by reason of having pre-
24 sented at the port of entry a valid unexpired non-

- 1 immigrant visa issued under section 221 of the Im-
- 2 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201).

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