



American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

MEMO

TO: Chief Motor Vehicle Officials
Chief Driver License Administrators
REAL ID Steering Group

FROM: Linda Lewis-Pickett *Linda Lewis-Pickett*
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RE: Akaka-Sununu Bill

Late Friday, in the final hours of the lame duck session, Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) and Senator John Sununu (R-NH) introduced S.4117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act. In brief, the bill would (1) repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005, (2) reinstitute the section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, (3) establish a negotiated rule making committee to guide regulations which would include stakeholders for privacy, civil liberties and immigration interests (4) add privacy, data security, and rights of appeal requirements to the federal regulations; (5) require state conformance with a minimum federal standard for DL/IDs two years from promulgation of enactment (6) five years from enactment, requires full conformance with all implementing federal regulations by states; (7) authorizes \$300 million annually in years 2007 through 2013 to DHS to implement the act.

While this bill died at the end of the session, we fully expect that it will be introduced early in the 110th Congress.

On Thursday morning December 7th, we were told explicitly that this bill would not be introduced in the lame duck session and we communicated that information to you in the afternoon. The introduction of S.4117 is a clear example of how fluid congressional legislative activity can be. While it is our intent to keep the membership apprised of REAL ID developments, sometimes we need to wait to fully assess outcomes. I apologize for the miscommunication.

The statement of introduction and the bill text is attached. We are working on a side-by-side comparison of the provisions of this bill and the Real ID Act as well as an impact analysis. We will send those to you just as soon as they are completed later in the week.

LLP/sfb

Attachment