

Rep. Agema offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 25.

A resolution to memorialize Congress to fully fund the states' efforts to implement the Real ID Act of 2005.

Whereas, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005, which mandates that beginning in May 2008, a state driver's license cannot be used for any federal purpose such as boarding an airplane or entering a federal building, unless the driver's license meets specific national standards. Federal requirements include a digital image of the cardholder's face, proof of legal status, and card security features. In addition, states will be required to link their record-keeping systems to a national database; and

Whereas, Implementation costs are estimated at \$11 billion nationwide over the first five years of the Real ID program. Additionally, the federal government has not yet issued rules or regulations detailing what the cards should look like and what information is necessary to obtain a card. States have been left with potentially exorbitant implementation costs and little time to prepare and change over to the Real ID; and

Whereas, The National Conference of State Legislatures has completed a study detailing the costs of the Real ID program. NCSL notes that states and the federal government will need federal funds to properly implement this program. NCSL urges Congress to appropriate at least \$1 billion in new funding. It is important that states have both the time and resources to properly implement the federally mandated Real ID Act; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to fully fund the states' efforts to implement the Real ID Act of 2005; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.