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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge the President and the Congress of the United 1
States to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005. 2

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, In May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the 3
REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental 4
Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and 5
Tsunami Relief, (2005) (Public Law 109-13), which was signed by 6
President Bush on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective 7
May 11, 2008; and 8

WHEREAS, The use of federal minimum standards for state 9
drivers' licenses and identification cards will be necessary for 10
any type of federally regulated activity for which an 11
identification card must be displayed; and 12

WHEREAS, The REAL ID Act creates a de facto national 13
identification card by requiring states to issue drivers' licenses 14
and state identification cards in a uniform format as prescribed 15
by the Department of Homeland Security; to verify the issuance, 16
validity, and completeness of all primary documents used to issue 17
a driver's license, and provide for their secure storage; to 18
provide fraudulent document recognition training to persons who 19

issue drivers' licenses and state identification cards; and to 20
issue a driver's license or state identification card in a 21
prescribed format if it does not meet the criteria provided for a 22
federally approved license or identification card; and 23

WHEREAS, The REAL ID Act will place enormous burdens on 24
consumers seeking new drivers' licenses, including higher costs, 25
increased document requests, and longer waiting periods with the 26
potential for multiple agency visits to obtain a driver's license; 27
and 28

WHEREAS, Some of the REAL ID Act requirements, such as the 29
use of common machine-readable technology and state maintenance of 30
a database that can be shared with the United States and agencies 31
of other states, invite identity theft and invasion of privacy; 32
and 33

WHEREAS, The American Association of Motor Vehicle 34
Administrators, the National Governors Association, and the 35
National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated that the 36
cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than 37
\$11 billion over five years; and 38

WHEREAS, The State of Ohio supports the United States 39
government's campaign against terrorism but believes the enormous 40
costs of the REAL ID Act will provide little security benefit, 41
while violating the principles of federalism and states' rights 42
and jeopardizing essential civil rights and liberties of the 43
citizens of this country protected by the United States 44
Constitution and the Bill of Rights; now therefore be it 45

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 127th General Assembly 46
of the State of Ohio, oppose the implementation of the REAL ID Act 47
of 2005 and urge the President and the Congress to repeal the REAL 48
ID Act of 2005; and be it further 49

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 50

transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	51
President of the United States, to the members of the Ohio	52
Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United	53
States House of Representatives, and to the President Pro Tempore	54
and Secretary of the United States Senate.	55