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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**OPPOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005**

Introduced By: Representatives Gemma, San Bento, Rose, Scott, and Fox

Date Introduced: February 27, 2007

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           WHEREAS, The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 mandates an unfunded national driver's  
2 license on the people of Rhode Island; and

3           WHEREAS, In a time of severe budget constraints, implementation of Real ID would  
4 cost Rhode Island taxpayers millions of dollars; and

5           WHEREAS, The Division of Motor Vehicles estimates that implementation of REAL ID  
6 will result in a 52% transaction workbad increase at the DMV, thus resulting in significant  
7 burdens on DMV customers; and

8           WHEREAS, The REAL ID national database will invite theft of identity and invasion of  
9 privacy; and

10          WHEREAS, The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National  
11 Governors' Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures have opposed the  
12 adoption of the REAL ID; and

13          WHEREAS, REAL ID will impose inconveniences and higher taxes on Rhode Islanders  
14 with no attendant benefit such as protections from terrorism; now, therefore be it

15          RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
16 Plantations hereby refuses to implement the REAL ID Act and thereby protests the treatment by  
17 Congress and the President of the United States as agents of the federal government; and be it  
18 further

19          RESOLVED, That this General Assembly implores the United States Congress to repeal  
20 the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional delegation, the  
3 Honorable George Bush, President of the United States, the Honorable Richard Cheney, Vice-  
4 President of the United States, the Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security,  
5 and the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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