

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION**No. 767** Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, MARKOSEK, JOSEPHS, HORNAMAN, YOUNGBLOOD
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 17, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to repeal the REAL ID
2 Act of 2005 and to restore section 7212 of the Intelligence
3 Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

4 WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Affairs Committee has hosted a
5 series of public hearings throughout the Commonwealth of
6 Pennsylvania regarding the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Division B of
7 Public Law 109-13, 119 Stat. 302) and its impact on
8 Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, The public hearings were held in Erie, Harrisburg,
10 Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Scranton to ensure that citizens
11 had the opportunity to be heard and informed of the impact that
12 complying with the REAL ID Act of 2005 will have on the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, The public hearings provided expert testimony from
15 the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Department of
16 Homeland Security, the American Civil Liberties Union, the
17 National Conference of State Legislatures and the Coalition for
18 A Secure Driver's License; and

1 WHEREAS, The concerns raised during the public hearings were
2 that the REAL ID Act of 2005 remains a costly, unfunded mandate
3 for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provides insufficient
4 funding from the Federal Government and may infringe on privacy
5 and religious freedom rights; and

6 WHEREAS, ~~According to~~ THE MINIMUM STANDARDS CONTAINED IN the <—
7 Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public
8 Law 108-458, 118 Stat. 3638), ~~minimum standards do~~ WOULD not <—
9 conflict or interfere with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's
10 enforcement and regulation of drivers' licenses and
11 identification cards; and

12 WHEREAS, The concerns citizens raised regarding the REAL ID
13 Act of 2005 would be adequately addressed with the passage of
14 United States Senate Bill 717 (2007); therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
17 States to pass United States Senate Bill 717 (2007), effectively
18 restoring section 7212 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism
19 Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458, 118 Stat. 3827); and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
22 the presiding officers of each house of Congress of the United
23 States and to each member of Congress from the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
26 the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, United States Senator from
27 Hawaii; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
29 the National Conference of State Legislatures.