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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 911**

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**Chairperson:** Deb Fischer  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Date of Hearing:** February 4, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This proposal anticipates modifying the driver license process in such a way that addresses system and process security issues and places Nebraska on a path toward Real ID compliance.

Some of the main statutory changes include:

- Granting the DMV the statutory authority to develop and implement central issuance card production -- this means the driver license or State ID card will be mailed to the applicant within 5 business day. There will be no over-the-counter issuance of documents. The DMV will issue a paper document called a receipt with driving privileges that will contain a photo of the holder and will be valid for up to 30 days. This document will not be valid for ID purposes, only driving purposes.
- Statutorily remove the counties from the driver license and ID card process -- this means that there will no longer be services in all 93 counties. County treasurer's staff will no longer be involved in the process; DMV personnel will conduct all driver-licensing services.
- Grant the DMV the authority to implement DMV Regional Service Centers (currently we are proposing 27 Service Centers throughout Nebraska with a mixture of approximately 17 full time stations and 10 part time stations)
- Adopt a statutory legal presence requirement – an applicant must either be a US citizen, a naturalized citizen or be in the US legally to obtain a driver license or state ID card
- Adopt a Temporary Driver License and ID for all legal immigrants – this limits the validity of the document to the length of stay allowed by the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS). If the immigration documents have no expiration, then the applicant can only receive a card that is valid for one year. The applicant must renew each year and provide proof that he or she is still in the US legally with USCIS approval

- Grant the DMV the authority to verify all source identity documents to the original issuing entities -- there will be at least 4 entities to which the DMV will verify the majority of documents,
  - Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) – verification of immigration documents
  - US Dept of Justice Passport verification
  - Electronic Verification of Vital Events (EVVE) – verification of birth, and other vital events records
  - An All Driver verification system – will allow the States to use a pointer system for determining if the applicant holds a driver license or ID card in another jurisdiction.
  
- Grant DMV the authority to image and retain all applicant source identification documents
  
- Adopt a limited number of source identification documents that will be presented by applicants  
 Real ID enrollment would require the applicant to bring a combination of the following documents:
  1. Certified copy of a birth certificate
  2. Original or certified copy of any document that would evidence a name change
  3. Social Security Card
  4. Two documents that evidence principal residence (bank statements, utility bills not older than 3 mos)
  5. A valid unexpired US Passport
  6. Naturalization or citizenship documents
  7. Consular Report of Birth Abroad
  8. An unexpired Permanent Resident Card issued by DHS, Form I 551
  9. An unexpired employment authorization document issued by DHS, For I776 or Form I 688B
  10. Unexpired foreign Passport with a valid unexpired U.S. Visa affixed

We currently accept about 39 different documents to provide identity of the applicant, so this is a pretty dramatic reduction in acceptable source identity documents

- Provide for modifications to driver license fee structure  
 We are proposing three stages of fee modifications. The first stage is effective when the bill is effective; it modifies the existing fees so that there are all “round” numbers – no more cents to be collected. The counties have requested this for some time. The fee changes are in the DMV portion of the fee and are supposed to be revenue neutral – some fees were increased by 25 cents and others were decreased by 25 or 50 cents or whatever was appropriate.

The second stage of fee change occurs when the DMV moves all of the duties and responsibilities under the DMV in Regional Service Center. This modification shifts the existing county fee portion to the DMV.

The third stage is the addition of a surcharge to cover the costs of the federal requirements. This fee will go into effect when the DMV begins to issue Real ID compliant cards -- January 2011. The DMV is asking for the authority to set the surcharge once it has a better and more complete understanding of the total costs of compliance.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Carol Hudkins**