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New federal law requires proof of identity and address

Real ID Act creates new standards for residents to receive driver's license or ID card

Littleton, Colo. –Following the enforcement of the Real ID Act, the Colorado Department of Revenue now requires residents requesting a new, renewal or replacement driver's license, driver's permit or Identification card to show proof of their residential address by providing one of the following documents:

- Utility bill
- Credit card statement
- Pay stub or earnings statement
- Rent receipt
- Phone bill
- Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- Bank statement
- Mortgage document
- Tax document
- Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- Vehicle registration

The Real ID Act, signed by President George W. Bush in 2005, is a federal law that imposes certain security, authentication and issuance standards for state driver's license and ID cards, so they can be accepted by the federal government for official purposes such as boarding an airplane.

In 2008, many states, including Colorado, filed extensions until 2011 to increase the time they had to comply with the new requirements for the Real ID Act.

After 2011, a federal agency may not accept, for any official purpose, a driver's license or identification card issued by a state to any person unless the state is meeting the requirements specified in the Real ID Act.

If you have any questions, contact the Colorado Department of Revenue at 303-205-5608.

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