

## Update

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Governor. Wolf signed legislation that makes Pennsylvania compliant with the 2005 Real ID law enacted following the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

This law requires both driver's licenses and ID cards to have security enhancements and to be issued only to people who can prove they are legally in the United States. Pennsylvania drivers or ID card holders will eventually have to obtain the more secure certificates to board commercial flights or enter some federal facilities.

The law, which takes effect in 90 days, allows PennDot to create an optional driver's license or state ID that will match the Real ID requirements to access airports, military bases, federal courthouses and other facilities in 2018 and beyond.

However, the law does **NOT** require residents to obtain this new driver's license or ID. People without Real ID will still be able to use a passport to board commercial airliners or enter certain federal facilities.

It is predicted that the Pennsylvania Real ID should be available in early 2019. In the meantime, existing state IDs or passports will work at airports and federal facilities.

PennDot does not have a cost estimate, but making the current driver's license compliant will require a mark on the license, in addition to upgrades to their procedures and operations. Drivers will be required to present documentation, such as a birth certificate and Social Security card, the first time they get an ID-compliant license.