REAL ID Act

What is it?

Does this affect me?

Does this affect my travelers?
What do these 9 states have in common?

Kentucky  Maine
Minnesota  Missouri
Montana  Oklahoma
Pennsylvania  South Carolina
Washington
January 22, 2018
The date that travelers from those 9 states will no longer be able to use their driver’s licenses as means of identification for TSA under the REAL ID Act.

Travelers will be required to use alternate forms of ID such as passport, military ID or permanent residence card to pass through TSA security checkpoints – DOMESTICALLY!

Yes!
Passports for domestic air travel.
What is the REAL ID Act and what is required?

- REAL ID Act is a national set of standards, not a national ID card
- In order for states to pass the government’s security standards they must verify every ID applicant’s identity, put anti-counterfeit technology in the production of the card and conduct background checks on those who issue driver’s licenses.
- Each state will maintain their own database, but there will be interstate links to ensure that an individual does not have a license elsewhere.
Do we only need to worry about Pennsylvania? Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Washington.

No – the key factor is the state from which the driver’s license is issued.

• Penn Internal Concerns - We continuously have faculty and students traveling around the U.S. to conferences, trainings and meetings.

• Penn External Concerns - We continuously have guests attempting to come to Penn for visits, research, conferences, etc.
What is Pennsylvania doing to comply?

➢ On May 26, 2017, Governor Tom Wolf signed the Pennsylvania REAL ID Compliance Act which will allow Pennsylvania to offer residents an optional REAL ID-compliant driver license or state identification card.

➢ Penn DOT estimates REAL ID-compliant drivers licenses and ID cards will be available, at customers option, in March 2019 (a year after the “effective date”). The absolute deadline by the Department of Homeland Security is October 2020.

➢ Pennsylvania has requested another extension from U.S. Department of Homeland Security until REAL ID products are made available to residents of the state. It has not yet been granted.
What is next?

- Pennsylvania is awaiting a decision on their request for extension from the Department of Homeland Security. This would push out the need for travelers to comply until the updated drivers license is made available in our state in 2019.
  - Note: There is no guarantee that the other non-compliant states are following the same path. If your guest is coming from one of those states, it is their responsibility to have proper documentation to fly.

- If you have a passport, you will be able to use that for domestic air travel.

- The new drivers license will likely cost $10-$15 more than the existing license – both will remain available. If you don’t fly, you don’t need the new one.
Penn Travel Services will continue to monitor the situation and will post updates in the news section of the Penn TEM website.

Questions: email travel@exchange.upenn.edu