

Brothers and Sisters,

As you may know, the Governor has introduced a **Real ID** bill to allow Alaska to comply with the Real ID Act. Right now, Alaska is not allowed to spend any money to comply. We have a waiver until June 6, 2017, to see if we can pass legislation to allow us to comply.

How does this affect the members of Local 71? Right now, we have approximately 200 Local 71 members working on various Military Installations statewide for both the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and the Anchorage School District in addition to their Business Reps who need access to these installations in order to represent them. We also have many of our members who travel for work on a regular basis, be it the week on week off schedule of our Haul road folks, our Operators in Bethel or the Mechanics on rotation in Kotzebue and Nome. We also have many of our folks who travel for training in order to be in compliance with the requirements of their job.

If the bill doesn't pass **this session** we've been told by Dept. of Homeland Security that our waiver will end and starting after June 6, non-military personnel will be required to carry extra ID to get on the bases. In some cases, workers will have the ID necessary but in some cases, workers will have to apply and wait for proper ID. This could take up to 6 weeks and cost much more than a Real ID compliant License/ID. The types of ID that will be required could be:

- United States passports/United States passport cards
- Permanent Resident card/Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-766)
- Foreign passports with a temporary (I-551) stamp
- An employment authorization document that contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- Current/valid driver's license or identification card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States which is in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005
- Identification card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies that are REAL ID act compliant. (Minnesota and Washington identification card holders can have access to federal installations if their driver licenses bear a small red, white, and blue U.S. flag logo on the front.)
- VA health identification card issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Merchant Mariner card issued by DHS/U.S Coast Guard

The bills the Governor introduced: [HB 74](#) and [SB 34](#) will allow Alaskans to choose if they want a Real ID compliant license/ID or a standard ID like we have now. The Real ID cards will be \$5 more and will be good for 8 years instead of 5.

The bill to disallow spending money on Real ID passed in 2008 59-1. However, it didn't seem *real* back then that the federal government would ever enforce the law. However, they are telling us now, they definitely plan to enforce it. In fact, prior to receiving our current waiver—the Alaska military bases were gearing up to start requiring the extra ID. We only got the current extension because we promised to introduce legislation.

What can you do?

You can write to your legislators telling them how your work and/or the work of your union brothers and sisters will be affected

We have had one hearing in the House and we have a Senate hearing this week. **Letters before Thursday to the Senate would be crucial.**

Here's who you should contact:

Senate State Affairs

Sen. Dunleavy

Sen. Egan

Sen. Coghill

Sen. Giessel

Sen. Wilson

Senate Finance

Sen. MacKinnon

Sen. Hoffman

House State Affairs

Rep. Kreiss-Tompkins

Rep. Ledoux

Rep. Wool

Rep. D. Johnson

Rep. Birch

Rep. Tuck

Rep. Knopp

House Finance

Rep. Seaton

Rep. Foster

Rep. Gara