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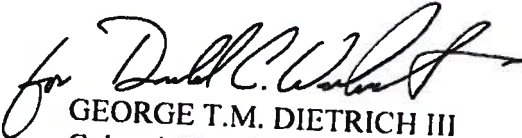
Dear Mr. Duffy,

Thank you for your recent question regarding actions Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) must take under Federal Law if the Alaska Legislature does not adopt measures demonstrating compliance with the REAL ID Act by the State's extension expiration date of 6 Jun 2017. Currently, visitors and contracted personnel with a driver's license or state identification from Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, and Montana are unable to acquire unescorted access to JBER or any other DoD installation. Absent a change in Alaska Law, after 6 Jun 2017, the current Alaska State driver's license will be designated insufficient for unescorted access, much like Maine and Montana were added at the end of Jan 2017. Unfortunately, we have no waiver authority and there should be no expectation we would pursue or enact any.

We have been actively advertising this potential outcome through a myriad of means, including providing detailed information flyers at our Visitor's Control Centers and working through our 673d Contracting Squadron to put contracted personnel on notice of the impending change.

If you or the members of your staff have questions or would like additional information, please contact our 673 Security Forces Squadron Commander, Lt Col Chris Lacek at 552-4304.

Sincerely,

  
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Colonel, USAF  
Commander

**Ridle, Leslie D (DOA)**

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**From:** Duffy, Brian P (MVA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** Ridle, Leslie D (DOA)  
**Cc:** Doehl, Bob A K (MVA); Clarke, Ron G (MVA)  
**Subject:** RE: Base Access  
**Attachments:** REAL ID Act Flyer.pdf

Hi Ms Ridle, thanks for your email and the questions. As you may know, I had the privilege of serving as the Commander of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and the 673d Air Base Wing from 2012-2014. Additionally, as a former Active Duty Air Force Colonel, now retired as of October 2016 following 27 years of service, I can assure you US military components will continue to follow Federal law, much as they are now, with zero opportunity to enact or apply for local waivers.

As an example, the atch'd flyer, produced by JBER leaders, states, "Visitors and contracted personnel with a driver's license or state ID from the five states mentioned below will no longer be able to acquire unescorted access to JBER or any other DoD installation." Further, it lists those states as "Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, or Washington" (recognizing recent events may now have Washington showing as acceptable thru a revised expiration date).

If no action is taken by the AK State Legislature to demonstrate intent to comply with provisions outlined in the REAL ID Act, after 6 Jun 17, the current AK State driver's license and similar identification cards from other non-compliant states will be added to the list of identification cards designated as insufficient for unescorted access, much like Maine and Montana were added at the end of Jan '17. Again, the installations have no waiver authority & there should be no expectation they would pursue any.

JBER leaders estimate approximately 14,000 contractors and local service providers may be affected with similar impact projected on the approximately 5,000 visitors/month seeking unescorted access to Fort Wainright and 2,600/month seeking access to Eielson AFB. Senior military leaders in Alaska advised JASC representatives of these facts during their late Mar '17 hearing and were clear it would be unreasonable to assume the installations would provide escort for all these visitors.

I am certainly available to discuss further or answer any questions any of the Members may have.

v/r,  
-- Duffy

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Subject: Base Access

Colonel Duffy:

There is an understanding by some in the Legislature that a base commander has wide latitude in deciding whether or not they will require Real ID to get on their base. I thought I had heard testimony that this is not the case—a base commander must follow protocol handed down from the federal government. Could you confirm what latitude a base commander has for changing the ID rules once Alaska's Real ID extension expires on June 6, 2017?

Additionally, it is my understanding from your testimony in front of the House State Affairs and Finance committees along with the Senate State Affairs and Finance committees that Alaska military bases (JBER, Ft. Wainwright, Fort Greely, and Eielson Air Force Base) are already restricting access to residents with driver's licenses from states without an extension—Montana, Missouri, Maine, and Minnesota. Can you confirm this as well?

Thanks,  
Leslie

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Flyer From JBER  
4/17

# **REAL ID ACT**

Visitors and contracted personnel with a driver's license or state ID from the five states mentioned below will **no longer be able to acquire unescorted access to JBER or any other DoD installation.**

The only exceptions for these states, are Enhanced Driver's Licenses from Minnesota and Washington. Individuals who do not possess a driver's license or identification card compliant with the REAL ID Act and do not possess an acceptable alternate identification credential must be escorted by a DOD card holder while on the installation, via trusted traveler, or will be denied access."

**Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, or Washington** REAL ID Act will not impact military members, dependents, retirees or other common access cardholders.



## **REAL ID Act compliant credentials:**

- 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 license bear a small red, white, and blue U.S. flag logo on the front.
- VA health identification card issued by the Dept of Veterans Affairs
- Merchant Mariner's License issued by DHS/US Coast Guard

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