

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/3/17

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kawasaki, Thompson, Westlake, Knopp, Birch, Wilson, Kopp, Rauscher, Eastman, LeDoux, Claman, Seaton, Tilton, Reinbold, Tuck, Grenn, Parish, Millett, Sullivan-Leonard

A RESOLUTION

1 **Encouraging repeal of the REAL ID Act of 2005.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the federal government has failed to show any measurable evidence that
4 the implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005 will make our borders more secure and
5 better protect our citizens from terrorism; and

6 **WHEREAS** the state, under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United
7 States, has always exercised its exclusive power to establish standards and regulations for the
8 issuance of Alaska state driver's licenses and Alaska state identification cards; and

9 **WHEREAS** the federal government imposes a huge fiscal burden on the division of
10 motor vehicles to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

11 **WHEREAS** noncompliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 may result in the federal
12 government illegally punishing individual Alaskans by placing limitations on state residents'
13 freedom of travel and access to federal facilities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as of October 1, 2020, Alaska state driver's licenses or Alaska state
15 identification cards will not be acceptable identification for air travel;

16 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe government

1 should wage the war on terrorism at the expense of states' rights and liberties of citizens
2 protected by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature does not believe the
4 REAL ID Act of 2005 will make the United States measurably safer and encourages the
5 United States Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any interference
7 by the federal government with the rights of Alaska residents to travel and to freedom of
8 movement, including travel by air; and be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature calls on the Governor and
10 the Attorney General of the State of Alaska to challenge any proposed federal interference
11 with the right of Alaska residents to freedom of movement, including travel by air, and to
12 vigorously defend Alaska residents against any attempted interference with those rights.

13 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
14 of the United States; the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States and
15 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Paul D. Ryan, Speaker of the U.S. House of
16 Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
17 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
18 delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 115th United States Congress.