



# SHREVEPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY

City of Shreveport



## ***Extension Granted For REAL ID Act Requirements***

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On December 20, 2012, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determined that thirteen states have met the standards of the REAL ID Act of 2005 ("Act") for driver's licenses and identification cards and has granted a temporary deferment for all other states and territories.

Currently, DHS has determined that Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have met the Act's requirements.

Other states have not provided sufficient information, at this time, for DHS to determine if they meet the Act's requirements. These states will have an opportunity to respond with additional information before DHS makes a final determination. DHS will continue to receive and review state submissions on a rolling basis.

Beginning January 15, 2013, those states not found to meet the standards will receive a temporary deferment that will allow Federal agencies to continue to accept their licenses and identification cards for boarding commercial aircraft and other official purposes.

"This is great news for travelers using Shreveport Regional Airport. This extension will allow passengers to continue flying with the ease and convenience of using their Louisiana issued state drivers license or the government-issued ID card like passengers are already accustomed to using," said Bill Cooksey, Deputy Director of Airports for the Shreveport Airport Authority.

DHS's goal is to implement the REAL ID Act, as required by law, in a measured, fair, and responsible way. In the coming weeks and months, DHS will, in consultation with States and stakeholders, develop a schedule for the phased enforcement of the Act's statutory prohibitions to ensure that residents of all states are treated in a fair manner. DHS expects to publish a schedule by early fall 2013 and begin implementation at a suitable date thereafter. Until the schedule is implemented, Federal agencies may continue to accept for official purposes driver's licenses and identity cards issued by all states.