

REPORT (MISC. #06101)

June 15, 2006

BY: General Government Committee, William R. Patterson, Chairperson

**IN RE: MR #06101 - BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR COMBINED  
DRIVER'S LICENSE AND PASSPORT**

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The General Government Committee, having reviewed Miscellaneous Resolution #06101 on June 5, 2006, reports with a recommendation that the resolution be amended, as follows:

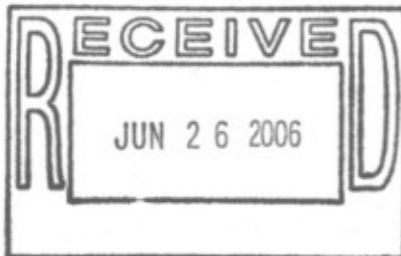
1. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WHEREAS paragraph, add ; **and**
2. The 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS paragraph should be amended, as follows:

WHEREAS in order for a state-issued driver's license to meet federal requirements for federal purposes, such as a passport, at a minimum the state-issued driver's licenses must include the individual's name, birth date, sex, ID number, a digital photograph, address, and this data must be in a common machine-readable technology that Homeland Security will decide on. The card must also sport physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes; and

3. The 9<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS paragraph, should be amended, as follows:

WHEREAS when issuing a driver's license, a state would determine if the applicant is a citizen, their place of birth and any other federally required information for border passage. This information would appear as a bare code or magnetic strip that border patrol officers could scan; and

Chairperson, on behalf of the General Government Committee, I move acceptance of the foregoing report.



GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

*William R. Patterson*

**General Government Committee Vote:**

Motion carried on a roll call vote with Hatchett, Gregory, Coulter and Melton voting no.

Miscellaneous Resolution # 06101

**BY:** Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton, District #4

**RE: Board of Commissioners - Support for Combined Driver's License and Passport**

**TO:** Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

**WHEREAS** the Real ID Act of 2005 mandates that three years after enactment (May 2008), a state driver's license or ID card cannot be used for any federal purpose unless it meets the specific federal requirements; and

**WHEREAS** under the Real ID Act, the Department of Homeland Security the power to set standards and determine whether state drivers' licenses and other ID cards pass muster. Only ID cards approved by Homeland Security can be accepted "for any official purpose"

**WHEREAS** the intent of the Real ID Act is to grant the Department of Homeland Security authority to impede the ability of terrorist and criminal aliens to move freely throughout our society by requiring that all states require proof of lawful presence in the U.S. in order for their drivers' licenses to be accepted as identification for federal purposes such as boarding a commercial airplane or entering a federal building; and

**WHEREAS** in order for a state-issued drivers' license to meet federal requirements for federal purposes, such as a passport, at a minimum the state-issue drivers' licenses must include the individual's name, birth date, sex, ID number, a digital photograph, address, and this data must be in a common machine-readable technology that Homeland Security will decide on. The card must also sport physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes; and

**WHEREAS** the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require all travelers, including U.S. citizens, to and from the Americas, the Caribbean, and Bermuda to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes the bearer's identity and nationality to enter or re-enter the United States. This is a change from prior travel requirements. The goal is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors; and

**WHEREAS** the Real ID Act of 2005 and Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require a passport or the equivalent to document re-entry to the United States by January 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS** the Detroit Regional Chamber and others believe that these proposals, in their current form, may have a negative economic impact on the United States and Canada and disrupt tourism; and

**WHEREAS** Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has proposed a dual drivers' license/passport that would simplify the federal requirements for foreign travel by combining a state's driver's license with the federal passport into a single document; and

**WHEREAS** when issuing a driver's license, a state would determine if the applicant is a citizen, their place-of-birth and any other federally required information for border passage. This information would appear as a bard code or magnetic strip that border patrol officers could scan; and


**WHEREAS** the Michigan Secretary of State has offered to conduct the pilot project for applying the concept of the combined driver's license and passport in Michigan.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the concept of a combined driver's license and passport to meet the national security measures required under the Real ID Act of 2005 and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

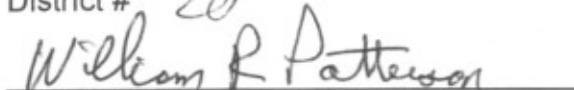
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners requests the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds to provide copies of this adopted resolution to Michigan Secretary of State Land, U.S. Representative Bart Stupak - Co-Chair of the Northern Border States Caucus, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Congressman Mike Rogers, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Congressman Sander Levin, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan legislature, the Michigan Association of Counties, the National Association of Counties and Oakland County's Legislative Lobbyists.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

  
Commissioner Thomas F. Middleton  
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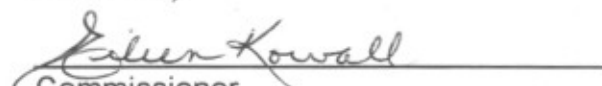
  
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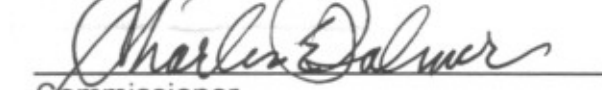
  
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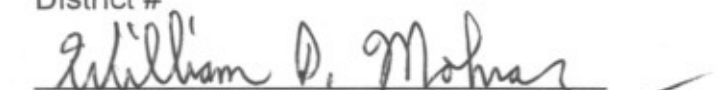
  
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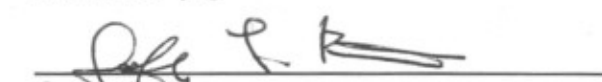
  
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Resolution #06101

May 11, 2006

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the General Government Committee. There were no objections.

Resolution #06101

June 15, 2006

Moved by Patterson supported by Middleton the resolution be adopted.

Moved by Patterson supported by Middleton the General Government Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted.

Moved by Patterson supported by Middleton the resolution be amended to coincide with the recommendation in the General Government Committee Report.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the amendment was carried.

Discussion followed.

Vote on resolution, as amended:


AYES: Crawford, Douglas, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Molnar, Moss, Palmer, Patterson, Potter, Rogers, Scott, Wilson, Bullard. (14)

NAYS: Gershenson, Gregory, Hatchett, Jamian, Melton, Nash, Suarez, Woodward, Zack, Coleman, Coulter. (11)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.



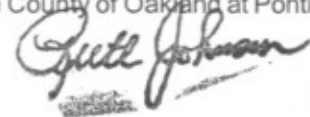
I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION

  
6/19/06

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on June 15, 2006, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 15th day of June, 2006.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk