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Governor Hassan's Statement on Signing REAL ID Legislation

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement after today signing House Bill 1616, relative to drivers' licenses and identification cards that are compliant with federal identification law:

"This bill is a common-sense step forward that gives Granite Staters the option of obtaining a federally compliant identification that will be accepted for travel at airports and for entry into other secure federal facilities. I thank legislators from both parties for working together to find a New Hampshire-specific solution that balances that option while retaining control of our data to protect the private information of our citizens. I am glad to sign this bipartisan bill into law so that Granite Staters do not have to obtain a federal passport in order to enter secure facilities or to travel on airplanes.

"Granite Staters should understand that House Bill 1616 will require them to affirmatively choose the federally compliant license and the Division of Motor Vehicles will institute education efforts to inform the public about steps necessary to obtain their desired license."

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