

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to verification of identity; prohibiting a state agency, political subdivision, or officer or employee thereof from recognizing documents other than the documents specified in the act for purposes of proving the identity of an applicant for a public benefit, license, or permit or proving the identity of a person registering to vote; providing specified documents that are acceptable to prove identification of the person; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Verification of identity for public benefits, licenses, permits, and voter registration.--

(1) A department, agency, commission, or other entity of the state, a political subdivision, or an officer or employee thereof may not recognize or rely upon, or authorize the recognition of or reliance upon, any document that is not described in subsection (3) when the document is offered to prove the identity of a person applying for a public benefit, license, or permit.

(2) Notwithstanding part II of chapter 97, Florida Statutes, a department or other entity of the state, a political subdivision, or any agency or employee thereof authorized to register a person to vote in any federal, state, or local election may not recognize or rely upon, or authorize the recognition of or reliance upon, any document that is not

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29 described in subsection (3) when the document is offered to
30 prove the identity of a person attempting to register to vote in
31 this state.

32 (3) Documents acceptable to prove the identity of a person
33 are limited to:

34 (a) A valid, unexpired passport issued by the United
35 States, an immigration document issued by the Federal
36 Government, and any document issued by an agency of the Federal
37 Government or the Armed Services of the United States which
38 bears a photograph of the person.

39 (b) A valid, unexpired passport issued by a foreign
40 government if the passport includes or is accompanied by a
41 document proving that the alien is lawfully in the United
42 States.

43 (c) A valid, unexpired identification document issued by a
44 state or political subdivision if the document bears a recent
45 photograph of the individual, the issuing state or political
46 subdivision prohibits the issuance of the identification
47 document to an alien who is unlawfully in the United States, and
48 the state or political subdivision requires independent
49 verification of the records offered by the person to prove
50 identity when applying for the identification document.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.