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Alabama Department of Public Safety Launching STAR ID Pilot Project

Alabamians soon will have a more secure option when it comes to obtaining a driver license.

In response to acts of terrorism committed against the United States, and in an effort to ensure the safety of citizens, Congress passed the REAL-ID Act of 2005. To comply with that act, the Alabama Department of Public Safety has developed a driver license and identification program called STAR ID.

“Secure, Trusted, And Reliable,” STAR ID will be available at Driver License examining offices in Montgomery, Autauga and Chilton counties as part of a pilot project that begins Oct. 3, with a statewide launch set to follow after the first of the year.

All current Alabama driver licenses and non-driver ID cards will be accepted for official federal purposes until Dec. 1, 2014. Beginning on that date, however, individuals born after Dec. 1, 1964, will be required to have a REAL-ID-compliant document* to board a domestic flight or to gain access to certain federal facilities that require identification. On Dec. 1, 2017, individuals born on or before Dec. 1, 1964, will be required to be in compliance.

It is also important to note that to obtain such a secure form of identification, individuals will be required to present additional original documents specified by the REAL-ID Act of 2005 to verify identity and date of birth, authorized presence in the United States and address of principal residence. And, unlike traditional Alabama driver license and non-driver IDs, STAR ID will be issued only at Driver License examining offices – not at probate or license commissioners’ offices.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 26, you may find more information by visiting dps.alabama.gov and clicking on the STAR ID icon or by calling 877-567-1045.

**Those individuals who hold a valid U.S. passport may use this document in place of the required REAL ID-compliant identification.*



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