

INVOICE: REAL ID

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Senate Bill # 245

Department of Homeland Security
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SALESPERSON	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	REAL ID	Unknown	Unknown

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION: PAGE 19 IN SB 245	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
Unknown	(1) The Transportation Cabinet shall develop a system of issuing enhanced secure instruction permits, operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and personal identification cards.	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(2) The development of the system identified in subsection (1) of this section shall include but not be limited to the:	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(a) Acquisition of equipment and information technology systems and services;		
Unknown	(b) Modification, conversion, or upgrade of the cabinet's existing databases, equipment, and information technology systems;	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(c) Establishment of electronic connectivity with any other state's driver licensing department, federal agency, national or regional association, or business;	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(d) Creation of a new design for operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards that will meet the minimum content, design, and security standards required under this section;	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(e) Collection, management, and retention of personal information and identity documents; and	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???
Unknown	(f) Development and implementation of a comprehensive security plan to ensure the security and integrity of the department's: 1. Employees; 2. Facilities; 3. Storage systems; 4. Production of operator's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards; and 5. Collection and retention of personal information and identity documents.	\$\$\$???	\$\$\$???

Subtotal	Unknown
Tax	Yes!
Total	Expensive

How is Kentucky going to pay for REAL ID?

The above is an unbudgeted, unknown, unpaid bill pending for REAL ID if we pass Senate Bill 245. The items listed are what the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will have to do in order to issue REAL ID compliant DL's.

The cost of a current Driver's License (DL) is \$20 every 4 years. This will raise the cost to \$50 every 8 years, meaning it's a \$5 increase. Kentucky's *estimated* date for issuing REAL ID compliant DL's is January 2019.

So we the taxpayers of Kentucky have more questions for the Senators on the Transportation Committee to ask the Transportation Cabinet.

1. Where are the funds for these changes coming from prior to the fee increase for the REAL ID compliant DL's in 2019?
2. Are the recent budget cuts of 4.5% and 9% taken into consideration with this overhaul to our DL system?
3. National Statistics show 30% of the American citizens fly every year, Kentucky is probably at about the same rate. Considering this, would it not be cheaper for the all taxpayers if those who wish to fly be directed in how to obtain a Passport Card allowing domestic travel in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico? All Kentuckians should not have to subsidize the cost of air travel for only those who fly.
4. With DHS having the authority to change the parameters of what is required of a REAL ID Compliant DL, how can the KYTC guarantee the price of our DL's won't go up?
5. How can the KYTC guarantee the vendor, of which we only know of one that exists (creating a monopoly on this product), won't jack the price up?
6. Because the "Local Mandate" is not available on SB 245, there is not estimate of the costs involved, costs that will not show up directly or be covered by the fee increase, yet they will ultimately have to pay for. Where is the Local Mandate for SB 245?

We do not see how the increased fee is going to actually pay for all the new systems needed to comply with REAL ID. If the KYTC really wanted to save the citizens of Kentucky money they would not force REAL ID, and in fact make the renewals every 8 years at the current price.

Call 1-800-372-7181 and ask the Senators on the Transportation Committee to ask these questions, and while you are at it call Governor Bevin at 502-564-2600, who campaigned on fixing the Budget to not go through with this expensive system overhaul, and fee increase on the citizens of Kentucky.