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As of July 1, 2019, the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles (207-626-8400) is offering Maine residents the option of obtaining driver’s licenses and State identification cards that comply with the Federal Real ID Act of 2005. Many Mainers are still choosing to renew their standard license or ID cards, which are now marked as “Not for Real ID purposes.” This statement denotes that these IDs are not compliant with the Federal Real ID Act, but they are valid for all State identification purposes such as:

- Conducting financial transactions
- Purchasing age-restricted items such as liquor and tobacco
- Registering to vote
- Operating or renting a motor vehicle (driver’s license only)
- Obtaining pharmacy prescriptions

Beginning October 2020, the federal government will require Real ID-compliant identification for domestic air travel and access to secure federal facilities. This will not affect the validity of the non-compliant ID for all other purposes.

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