

Public Policy Newsletter

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Let's Be Real

Do you have the Real ID? If not, have you heard of the Real ID? The Real ID is a new form of state identification card and/or driver's license that you may need. The Real ID would replace your current ID card or driver's license.

After October 1, 2020, a [Real ID](#) is required to board any commercial, domestic flight without your passport, access federal facilities (think social security office, some congressional offices, etc.) and enter any nuclear power plant. If you plan on doing any of those three things after October 1 of this year, you may need to get the Real ID.

The Act instituting the use of the Real ID cards nationwide came after 9/11 and was passed in 2005. The Act sets a universal standard for the issuing of identification and establishes minimum security standards for such issuances.

If you are unsure if you have the Real ID or not, look at the top right corner of your Illinois ID or driver's license. The Real ID will have a star inlaid in a circle, while the standard ID will state "federal limits apply."

Now if you're thinking here that you need the Real ID, don't worry. Getting the Real ID can be as easy as going to the DMV with some required paperwork. The Secretary of State has an online resource available to help you determine if the Real ID is right for you and a [checklist](#) of required materials.

In other state public policy news

High Illinois taxes drive out [business](#).

The Illinois House passed a [red-light camera ban](#) for many communities.

CHANGE ILLINOIS to hold Springfield Rally Day for [Fair Maps](#) on March 26, 2020.

Over [\\$10 million](#) in tax revenue was generated from the first month of recreational, adult-use cannabis.

[Public universities](#) request funding in amounts larger than Gov. Pritzker's proposal.



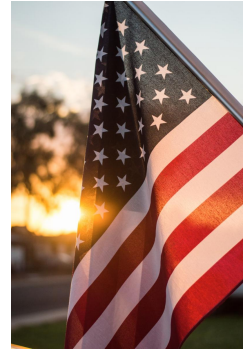
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Federal public policy news

Seven of the remaining democratic candidates for president took the stage for a [debate](#) in South Carolina.

Coronavirus dominated headlines as President Trump names his [taskforce](#).

Congressman Davis and LaHood express support for [public broadcasting funding](#).



Local public policy news

[Sangamon County](#) is one of the top counties in the state for corn and soybean yields.

Alderman Kristin DiCenso discusses creating a permanent [city-planner](#) position.

Moving Pillsbury Forward encourages the City of Springfield to purchase the old [Pillsbury-Mills site](#).

City Water, Light and Power offers [air conditioner rebates](#) for some eligible customers.



Bids and RFPs

City of Springfield

Bid Opportunities: Water Meters, Ductile Iron Pipe, Unit 4 Cooling Tower Fan Assembly Replacement

Requests for Proposals: Sale of Real Property 2019, Rental of a Crawler, Household Hazardous Waste and PACE Program Services

