

THE REAL FACTS

HB 99 - DRIVER'S LICENSES/REAL ID

- ✓ Ends Governor Martinez's five-year effort to take away licenses from immigrants in New Mexico.
- ✓ Ensures New Mexico's undocumented immigrants continue to be licensed to drive.
- ✓ Brings the state into compliance with the REAL ID Act without discriminating against immigrant drivers.
- ✓ Current New Mexico driver's licenses remain valid until they expire for everyone, regardless of immigration status.
- ✓ Creates two licenses-- one that is REAL ID compliant and one that is not REAL ID compliant.
- ✓ U.S. citizens and lawfully present immigrants may apply for the REAL ID license by presenting additional federally required documents at MVD.
- ✓ All New Mexicans--citizens, documented immigrants, and undocumented immigrants-- may apply for the non-REAL ID compliant license, also called a "driving authorization card."
- ✓ Undocumented immigrants who currently have valid driver's licenses will NOT be required to submit fingerprints when they apply for a "driving authorization card," unless they let their licenses expire.
- ✓ First time "driving authorization card" applicants who are undocumented will have to submit their fingerprints for a background check, but the fingerprints and the results of the background check will not be shared with federal immigration or local law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ The new law will take effect on November 15, 2016. People renewing their license before this date will receive the same license for 4 or 8 years.
- ✓ Current driver's licenses and the driver's authorization card will be valid for federal use, such as travel on domestic flights, until at least 2020.