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WASHINGTON - Security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards were in a final rule the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released Friday. The rule for "Real ID" establishes uniform standards to enhance the integrity of driver's licenses and identification cards, and increases security at card production facilities, the DHS said in a release. The program requires drivers to submit a digital photograph, a birth certificate or similar proof of identity, and a sworn statement about the truth of the application information. States must guarantee drivers born after Dec. 1, 1964 meet the requirements by May 2011; drivers older than 50 would have until 2018, the Washington Post reported. "For an extra \$8 per license, Real ID will give law enforcement and security officials a powerful advantage against falsified documents, and it will bring some peace of mind to citizens wanting to protect their identity from theft," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. Chertoff said DHS is making about \$360 million available to help states implement Real ID. Civil liberty organizations said the move to a tamper-resistant national ID card would allow the federal government to track people's movements, CBS News said.

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