

Leahy eyeing Real ID Act legislation

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WASHINGTON - Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is co-sponsoring bipartisan legislation in Washington aimed at repealing a part of the Real ID Act.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee says the provision in question poses a risk to U.S. citizens' privacy, The Washington Post said Wednesday.

Several House Democrats are also backing legislation that would repeal the provision of the Real ID Act that would require states to create tamper-proof driver's licenses.

Leahy and others have argued that the system would allow government officials access to a national database containing citizens' personal data.

"I think the days of Congress rubber-stamping any and every idea cooked up by the administration are over," Leahy said. "You have the nation's governors, Republicans and Democrats, who say they want to have a voice in this. Should they be ignored, or is this a case where the federal government knows better than the states?"

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