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That is correct. REAL ID does not grant Federal Gov access to state DMV databases.

There are REAL ID provisions that promote direct state-to-state queries to see if an applicant holds driver’s licenses in other states. Those queries do not involve pinging lawful status. State to State systems do not go through Federal Government systems and the data remains under control by the individual states.

Utah has had two-tiered licenses since 2010. To my knowledge, they have not reported the targeting of non-compliant license holders -- and it is notable that Utah borders Arizona.

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Law enforcement (including ICE) has access to DMV data, primarily through NLETs. But that is on a case by case basis - not bulk.

Its separate from the REAL ID provisions and existed before 9/11.

Ted - anything you want to add?

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Not sure if you saw this. Does DHS have access to information in state DMV databases? Know that the law (Section 202 (d)(12)) says that states must “provide electronic access to all other States to information contained in the motor vehicle database of the State” but this issue wasn’t addressed in the regs.

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