WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today Congressman Olver announced new passport regulations that will go into effect on June 1, 2009.

As of June 1, 2009, U.S. citizens returning home from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda, by land or sea, will be required to present a passport, passport card, or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

U.S. citizens under the age of 16 will be able to present the original or copy of their birth certificate, or other proof of U.S. citizenship such as a naturalization certificate or citizenship card.

Similar requirements for air travel went into effect in January, 2007.

Knowing what documents are required and having them ready when you return home will help streamline the entry process and ensure your return to the U.S. is as smooth as possible. More information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, or by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free telephone number 1-877-487-2778.

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