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**An Act to Improve Work and Family Mobility by Altering and
Removing Certain Requirements for Driver's Licenses and
Nondriver Identification Cards**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: RANA of Bangor, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, Senator: TIPPING of
Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 27, §2 and
3 affected by §10, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 250,
5 §2, is amended to read:

6 **6. Social security number.** Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of law to the
7 contrary, the social security number of any applicant for a license or nondriver
8 identification card must be recorded on the application, and the Secretary of State may not
9 issue a license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not possess and provide
10 a valid social security number. The Secretary of State shall collect, store and verify the
11 social security number of an applicant for a license or nondriver identification card and
12 may use that number to establish a permanent license number or nondriver identification
13 number. This subsection does not apply to a person who ~~provides written proof to the~~
14 ~~Secretary of State that the person~~ is ineligible to receive a social security number.

15 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 469, §1, is repealed
16 and the following enacted in its place:

17 **10. Identity documents.** For the purpose of issuing a license, the Secretary of State
18 may accept only identity documents that are unexpired or that do not have an expiration
19 date. An identity document must bear the person's name and date of birth. An individual
20 who presents an identity document that bears a different name shall also present official
21 documentation of the name change.

22 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §1406-A, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §25,
23 is repealed.

24 **Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

25 **1-A. Identity documents.** For the purpose of issuing a nondriver identification card,
26 the Secretary of State may accept only identity documents that are unexpired or that do not
27 have an expiration date. An identity document must bear the person's name and date of
28 birth. An individual who presents an identity document that bears a different name shall
29 also present official documentation of the name change.

30 **Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 27, §6 and affected
31 by §10, is repealed.

32 **Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §1410, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 648, §4, is repealed.

33 SUMMARY

34 This bill removes the legal presence requirement to obtain a driver's license or
35 nondriver identification card. The bill removes the requirement that an applicant for a
36 driver's license provide written proof that the applicant is ineligible to receive a social
37 security number if the applicant is not providing a social security number on the application
38 for a driver's license. The bill repeals provisions that require a driver's license or nondriver
39 identification card issued to an applicant who is not a citizen or a legal permanent resident
40 of the United States to expire coterminously with the applicant's authorized duration of stay
41 or the otherwise applicable expiration date of the license or card, whichever occurs first.

1 The bill requires the Secretary of State to accept only identity documents for an applicant
2 for a driver's license or nondriver identification card that are unexpired or do not have an
3 expiration date.