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House of Representatives, March 17, 2011

**An Act To Amend the Identification Requirements under the Maine
Medical Use of Marijuana Act**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MALONEY of Augusta,
WAGNER of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2425, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 631, §32 and
3 affected by §51, is further amended to read:

4 **5. Registry identification card issuance.** The department shall issue registry
5 identification cards to registered patients, to registered primary caregivers and to staff of
6 hospice providers and nursing facilities named as primary caregivers within 5 days of
7 approving an application or renewal under this section. Registry identification cards
8 expire one year after the date of issuance except that the date of issuance and expiration
9 date of a registered primary caregiver's registry identification card must be the same as
10 the issuance and expiration dates on the patient's registry identification card. Registry
11 identification cards must contain:

- 12 A. The name, address and date of birth of the ~~patient~~ cardholder;
- 13 ~~B. The name, address and date of birth of each registered primary caregiver, if any,~~
14 ~~of the patient;~~
- 15 C. The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card;
- 16 D. A random identification number that is unique to the cardholder; and
- 17 ~~E. A photograph, if required by the department; and~~
- 18 F. ~~For a registered primary caregiver, a~~ A clear designation showing whether the
19 cardholder is allowed under this chapter to cultivate marijuana plants ~~for the patient's~~
20 ~~medical use.~~

21 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2425, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

22 **11. Valid identification.** A registered patient, registered primary caregiver or a
23 principal officer, board member or employee of a registered dispensary who has been
24 issued a valid registry identification card pursuant to this section must also possess a valid
25 Maine-issued driver's license with a photo or other Maine-issued photo identification in
26 order to establish proof of authorized participation in the medical use of marijuana under
27 this chapter.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill clarifies that an individual must possess both a valid registry identification
30 card and a valid Maine-issued driver's license or other Maine-issued photo identification
31 as proof of valid participation in the medical use of marijuana.

32 This bill specifies that a primary caregiver's registry identification card expires on the
33 same date that the patient's card expires.

34 This bill removes the requirement that registry identification cards contain
35 information distinguishing the cardholder as a patient or primary caregiver and a photo.