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S.P. 535

In Senate, March 25, 2025

An Act to Improve Access to Transportation to Work for Forestry Workers and Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1413 is enacted to read:

§1413. Temporary license; forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker

1. Transportation; forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker. For the purpose of driving workers between workers' lodging and work sites each day at no cost to the workers as provided in Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, the Secretary of State may issue a temporary license to an applicant who:

A. Provides documentary evidence that the applicant meets driver qualifications under Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, paragraph B; and

B. Possesses a valid or recently expired driver's license from the operator's home country.

The temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection is considered a Class B license under Title 29-A, section 1252 and is valid only for the purposes described in this subsection.

2. "Worker" defined. For purposes of this section, "worker" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 642, subsection 6.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker who meets federal driver qualifications and possesses a valid or recently expired driver's license in the worker's home country to operate a motor vehicle in this State for the purpose of driving workers between the workers' lodgings and work sites each day. If a worker provides documentary evidence that the worker meets the driver qualifications under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 643, subsection 1, paragraph B and possess a valid or recently expired driver's license from the operator's home country, the Secretary of State is required to issue the worker a temporary driver's license. The license issued to a forestry worker or migrant and seasonal farm worker is considered a Class B license and is valid only for driving workers between the workers' lodgings and work sites each day.