

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1970

H. P. 1811 House of Representatives, January 19, 1976
Referred to Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

AN ACT to Permit the Development by the Secretary of State of a Numerical System of Driver License Control to be Used in Place of Social Security Numbers.

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

29 MRSA § 539-A, first sentence, as last amended by P. L. 1973, c. 285, § 1, is further amended to read:

The Secretary of State ~~shall~~ **may** require the submission of an applicant's social security number, when making application for an original or renewal operator's license, for the purpose of establishing a permanent number to be assigned to the operator's license.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The use of the social security number as a personal identification number for matters other than that for which it was intended is resented by a large percentage of the citizens of Maine. This bill will allow the Secretary of State to develop a numeric system, other than the social security number, for driver license control.

When the plan was instituted, it was the belief that all 50 states would use the social security number as a universal system; however, only a small portion of the states had instituted its use prior to the federal ruling that forbids such use. Therefore, if the present numeric system repels many Maine citizens and it serves no unique or useful purpose, then a new numeric system should be developed and this bill would give that authority.