

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 506

House of Representatives, February 16, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. M. Nelson of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Doukas of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Establish a Voluntary Program of State Approved Identification Cards
for Use by Persons not having Drivers' Licenses.**

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

5 MRSA § 89 is enacted to read:

Any resident of the State or nonresident in the State may make application to the Secretary of State for an identification card upon a form provided by the Secretary of State. The application form shall include, directly above the signature line, the following notice to the applicant: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$500 or by both." The Secretary of State, upon receipt of an application, and such supporting documents and information as he may require, shall issue an identification card to the applicant bearing his photograph, together with his name, address, date of birth, social security number if available and telephone number if available. The Secretary of State shall not require a driver's license as a supporting document for the issuance of an identification card. The identification card issued under this section shall not be valid until signed by the applicant.

There shall be a fee of \$2 for the issuance of an identification card.

The Secretary of State shall implement procedures for carrying out this section in a manner designed to make it as convenient as possible for persons wishing to obtain an identification card to do so.

The Secretary of State shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations, subject to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, sections 8051 et seq., as he shall deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide a uniform identification card which may be used as a means of identification by persons in this State for cashing checks, verifying their identity, etc. Since many persons do not have drivers' licenses and since persons under 20 cannot obtain a liquor identification card, this card would provide these people with an equally valid means of identification.