

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1056

H.P. 784 House of Representatives, April 1, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative LEBOWITZ of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Establish a Voluntary Program of
2 State-approved Identification Cards
3 for use by Persons not having Drivers'
4 Licenses.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 5 MRSA §90-A is enacted to read:

9 §90-A. Voluntary identification card system

10 Any resident of the State or nonresident in the
11 State may make application to the Secretary of State
12 for an identification card upon a form provided by
13 the Secretary of State. The application form shall
14 include, directly above the signature line, the fol-
15 lowing notice to the applicant: "I understand that

1 false statements made on this form are punishable by
2 law. Knowingly supplying false information on this
3 form is a Class D offense under the Maine Criminal
4 Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or
5 by monetary fine of up to \$500, or both." Knowingly
6 supplying false information is a violation of Title
7 17-A, section 453. The Secretary of State, upon re-
8 ceipt of an application and such supporting documents
9 and information as he may require, shall issue an
10 identification card to the applicant bearing his pho-
11 tograph, together with his name, address, date of
12 birth, social security number, if available and tele-
13 phone number if available. The Secretary of State
14 shall not require a driver's license as a supporting
15 document for the issuance of an identification card.
16 The identification card issued under this section
17 shall not be valid until signed by the applicant.

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

20 The Secretary of State shall implement procedures
21 for carrying out this section in a manner designed to
22 make it as convenient as possible for persons to ob-
23 tain an identification card.

24 The Secretary of State may adopt such rules, sub-
25 ject to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, chap-
26 ter 375, subchapter II, as he determines necessary
27 or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this sec-
28 tion.

29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

30 The purpose of this bill is to provide a uniform
31 identification card which may be used as a means of
32 identification by persons in this State for cashing
33 checks and verifying their identity. Since many per-
34 sons do not have drivers' licenses and since persons
35 under 20 years may not obtain liquor identification
36 cards, these cards will provide these people with an
37 equally valid means of identification.

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