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H.P. 316

House of Representatives, February 7, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representative HEESCHEN of Wilton, Representative O'DEA of Orono and Senator MILLS of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act Relating to the Dissemination of Driver Record Information.



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

29 MRSA §57, as amended by PL 1985, c. 401, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§57. Dissemination of information

1. Records open for public inspection. Except as provided in subsection 2, all records of the Secretary of State pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles, to operators' licenses and to applications for registration or licenses must be open for public inspection during office hours. Any person who wishes to inspect the records must appear in person, provide proper personal identification and sign a written request stating the reason for inspecting the records. The Secretary of State may waive the requirements of this subsection if the Secretary of State determines that it is appropriate to disseminate the information orally, electronically or by other means.

2. Records confidential; access by law enforcement officials, courts, prosecutors. Notwithstanding Title 1, section 402, subsection 3 and Title 15, section 3308, subsection 6, the following information is confidential, except that the information is open to inspection by law enforcement officials, employees of the courts, prosecutors or their designees and other persons specifically authorized by the Secretary of State:

A. Driver record information that was entered more than 3 years before the date of a request for inspection including information concerning:

(1) Convictions or adjudications;

(2) Accidents; or

(3) Operators' license and vehicle registration suspensions or revocations;

B. Motor vehicle title numbers; and

C. Complaints in writing.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires individuals requesting to inspect driver record information to make such requests in person and to sign a written request stating the reason for inspection. It also clarifies that certain records are confidential and are open only to law enforcement officials, courts and prosecutors.