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In Senate, March 11, 1997

An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws.

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, CLUKEY of Houlton, DRISCOLL of Calais,
SAVAGE of Union, WHEELER of Eliot, WINGLASS of Auburn.

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

- Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §88-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §§1 and 2 and affected by §24, is repealed.
 - Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1555-A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 470, §9 and affected by §19, is amended to read:

§1555-A. Identification cards

A licensee may refuse to sell tobacco to any person who fails to display upon request an identification card issued under Title 5 29-A, section 88-A 1410 or a motor vehicle operator's license bearing the photograph of the operator and issued under Title 29-A.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA $\S706$, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, $\S79$ and affected by $\S153$ and affected by Pt. C, $\S15$, is further amended to read:

§706. Identification cards

- 1. Acceptable identification. A licensee may refuse to serve liquor to any person who fails to display upon request an identification card issued under Title 5 29-A, section 88-A 1410, or a motor vehicle operator's license bearing the photograph of the operator and issued under Title 29-A, chapter 11.
- Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §453, sub-§§1 and 3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to read:
- 1. Vanity registration plates. The Secretary of State may issue registration plates that contain letters or a combination of letters and numbers for automobiles, taxi cabs, limousines, pickup trucks, trucks that are registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, motorcycles, motor homes or trailers not to exceed 2,000 pounds, whether semitrailers, 4-wheeled or camp trailers. The number of characters appearing on such a plate may not exceed 7.
 - 3. Duplicate plates. The Secretary of State may not issue duplicate—vanity—registration—plates—for—trailers,—until—the registrant—has—already—been—issued—an—identical—vanity registration—plate—for—an—automobile.—The Secretary—of State—may not—issue—duplicate—vanity—registration—plates—for—taxicabe—or limeusines—that—are—issued—to—automobiles. The Secretary of State may not issue duplicate vanity plates in the same class of vehicles.

2	Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §455, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
4	2. Plate design; optional environmental vanity plates. The Secretary of State, the Commissioner of Conservation, the
6	Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of
8	Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in consultation with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
10	transportation matters shall determine the plate design.
12	The design must accommodate the use of numbers and letters as provided in section 453. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue environmental plates that
14	are also vanity plates. Environmental vanity plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. The Secretary
16	of State may modify class codes and create unique identifiers for the purpose of expanding the program. The annual service fee of
1.8	\$15 for vanity plates is credited to the Highway Fund.
20	Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §512, 3rd and 4th ¶¶ are enacted to read:
22	A nonresident registrant shall designate a resident agent for the service of process. A resident agent must be a resident
24	of this State. For the purposes of this section, a resident
26	includes a person registered with the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions to do business in this State.
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30	The application for registration must contain the information prescribed in section 401, except that the Secretary of State may waive or modify the signature requirements.
32	Sec. 7 20 A MDSA 8512 sub 81 ffA as appeted by DI 1002 a
34	Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §512, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed.
36	Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §512, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
3 8	683, Pt. A, $\S 2$ and affected by Pt. B, $\S 5$, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
40	B. The fee is \$10 for each semitrailer, and the fee is \$5 for each trailer of not more than 2,000 pounds gross vehicle
42	weight.
44	Fees for the first 3 years of a registration may not be

refunded prior to the start of the registration year provided that the registration plate and certificate are

returned to the Secretary of State. After the start of the registration year, fees for the current year may be refunded if the place and certificates are returned within 120 days

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2	were not used during the registration period.
4	Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA $\S512$, sub- $\S2$, \PB , as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, $\S2$ and affected by Pt. B, $\S5$, is repealed.
6	Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §533, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 440, §2
8	and affected by §5, is repealed.
10	Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §533-A is enacted to read:
12	§533-A. Use of apportioned excise tax
14	1. Deposits. The revenue derived pursuant to section 531, subsection 6 must be deposited into a separate account within the
16	Highway Fund by the Secretary of State.
18	2. Use of revenues. Revenues collected pursuant to section 531 may be used as follows.
20	A. Annually, between July 1st and September 30th, the
22	Secretary of State shall disburse to each participating municipality a sum equal to the amount of excise tax that
24	would have been collected using the manufacturers' suggested retail price and the excise tax collected on the actual
26	<pre>purchase price of each commercial motor vehicle subject to Title 36, section 1482, subsection 1, paragraph C,</pre>
28	subparagraph (3). The Secretary of State shall provide supporting documentation to each municipality.
30	B. The balance in the account established under subsection
32	1 as of October 1st of each year shall be transferred from the account to the Highway Fund account.
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36	3. Municipal participation. Municipal participation in an excise tax reimbursement program is optional. Any municipality wishing to be reimbursed must collect and provide to the
38	Secretary of State any information the Secretary of State requires to calculate reimbursement.
40	Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §655, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
42	683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
44	5. Delivery. The certificate of title or certificate of salvage must be sent to the owner named on the certificate. If a
46	lienholder is named on the certificate, the Secretary of State shall send a certificate of lien title or certificate of salvage
48	to the first named lienholder.

Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA $\S667$, sub- $\S5$, \PE is enacted to read:

2	E. The legend "salvage" must appear on a certificate of title if:
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6	(1) A vehicle has no marketable value other than the value of the basic material or parts used in the construction of the vehicle;
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10	(2) A vehicle is sold with a stipulation that it is only to be used for the benefit of its parts; and
12	(3) A certificate of title previously issued by the Secretary of State or by any other jurisdiction bearing
1.4	the legend "salvage" accompanies an application to the State of a subsequent certificate of title.
16	Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §954, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
18	683, Pt. A, \$2 and affected by Pt. B, \$5, is amended to read:
20	4. Trailer. Heavy trailer dealer plates and a license may be issued to a person engaged in the manufacturing or buying and
22	selling of mobile homes or of trailers or semitrailers with an unladen weight of more than 3,000 pounds. Mobile home dealers
2.4	are exempt from the requirements of this section if they do not wish to hold trailer dealer plates.
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28	Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §1052, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
30	4. Maintaining record. The licensee shall maintain a copy
32	of the record of sale for at least 3 $\underline{5}$ years after the date of sale.
34	Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §1105, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
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38	2. License fee. The fee for the issuance or renewal of a license is \$150. A business licensed under chapter 9, subchapter
40	III as a new car dealer, used car dealer or equipment dealer is exempt from this fee.
42	Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §1252, sub-§1, ¶C, as affected by PL 1995,
44	c. 65, Pt. A, $\S153$ and amended by Pt. B, $\S11$ and affected by Pt. C, $\S15$, is further amended to read:
46	C. A Class C license may be issued for the operation of a
4.8	single vehicle or a combination of vehicles that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B license.

2	A holder of a Class C license may, with an appropriate endorsement, operate all vehicles in that class.
4	A Class C license authorizes:
6	(1) A full-time or volunteer member of an organized municipal, state or federal fire department to operate
8	fire apparatus;
10	(2) A person to operate recreational vehicles for personal use;
12	(3) A person to operate military vehicles including
14	National Guard vehicles; er
16	(4) A person to operate registered farm motor trucks bearing the letter "F" on the registration plate within
18	150 miles of the registered owner's farm+; or
20	(5) A person, employed by a city, town, county, district or other unit of local government created by
2.2	or pursuant to law that has a total population of 3,000 individuals or less, to operate a commercial motor
24	vehicle within the boundaries of that unit of local government for the purpose of removing snow or ice from
26	a roadway by plowing, sanding or salting, if:
28	(a) The properly licensed employee who ordinarily operates a commercial motor vehicle for those
30	purposes is unable to operate the vehicle; or
32	(b) The employing governmental entity determines that a snow or ice emergency exists that requires
34	additional assistance.
36	Sec. 18. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
38	5. Permanent license number. The Secretary of State may
40	require - an - applicant - to - submit - that shall collect, store and verify a person's social security number upon application or
42	renewal for a license or nondriver identification card number and may use that number to establish a permanent license number or
44	nondriver identification card number.
46	Sec. 19. 29-A MRSA §1307, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 482, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:
48	3. Examination fee for endorsements. The examination fee

for a double or triple trailer, semitrailer, bus, tank truck,

2	materials endorsement is \$10. A reexamination is \$5.
4	<pre>Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:</pre>
6	2. Photograph or digital image. A license, except for a
8	temporary license, must bear a full-face color photograph or digital image of the licensee. The following are exempt from
10	the photographic or digital image requirement:
12	A. A person who renews a license on or after that person's 65th birthday;
14	B. A person in active military service stationed outside
16	the State; and
18	C. Another person approved by the Secretary of State.
2.0	Sec. 21. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§4, as affected by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153 and amended by Pt. B, §15 and affected by Pt. C,
22	§15, is further amended to read:
24	4. Fee. In addition to the license fee, the photograph or digital image fee is \$3.
26	Sec. 22. 29-A MRSA §1401, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
28	5. Record. The digital image information contained on the
30	license may be captured, stored, retrieved, reproduced and
3.2	distributed by the Secretary of State.
J.2	Sec. 23. 29-A MRSA §1402-A, sub-§\$1 and 2, as enacted by PL
34	1995, c. 32, §4, are amended to read:
36	1. Statement on anatomical gifts. A licensee may make a statement expressing the licensee's willingness to make an
38	statement expressing the licensee's willingness to make an anatomical gift under Title 22, chapter 710 by affixing an organ
	donor decal provided by the Secretary of State to the back of the
40	license or by display of a distinctive code or notation printed
42	on the license by the Secretary of State.
	2. Organ donor decal, code or notation. The Secretary of
44	State shall make available without additional fee an organ donor
	decal to a licensed driver 16 years of age or older. The
46	statement on the organ donor decal must read: "The decal affixed
48	hereto indicates the licensee is willing to make an anatomical gift upon death and has discussed this willingness with next of

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	may print the license with a distinctive code or notation
2	indicating the licensee's willingness to be an organ donor.
4	Sec. 24. 20-A MRSA §1405, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c.
6	482, Pt. A, §25, is further amended to read:
8	3. Fee. The fee for a duplicate license, registration certificate and instruction permit is \$2. An additional fee of
	\$3 is required for a photograph or digital image.
10	Sec. 25. 29-A MRSA §1405, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
12	683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
14	4. Change of information, photograph or digital image.
16	When a-request-is-made-for-a any change is made on an operator's photograph or digitized license, that license is a duplicate.
18	Sec. 26. 29-A MRSA §1409, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
	683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
20	3. One hundred percent permanent service-connected
22	disability. A veteran with 100%-service-connected a permanent
24	disability who receives 100% service-connected benefits.
26	Sec. 27. 29-A MRSA §1410 is enacted to read:
	§1410. Nondriver identification cards; information; fee
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	provide that a nondriver identification card issued to a person
2	less than 21 years of age has a distinctive color code. Each nondriver identification card must contain:
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6	A. The applicant's photograph or digital image;
8	B. The applicant's name and address;
10	C. The applicant's date of birth;
	D. Social security number; and
12	E. Any other information and identification that the
14	Secretary of State by rule requires.
16	3. Validity. A nondriver identification card issued under
18	this section is not valid until signed by the applicant.
20	4. Expiration. Each nondriver identification card issued pursuant to this section expires 6 years from the date of
22	issuance.
44	5. Record. The digital image of the applicant and the
24	digital image of the applicant's signature may be captured, stored, retrieved, reproduced and distributed by the Secretary of
26	State.
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	7. Proof of financial responsibility following
2	adjudication. A person who is eenvieted adjudicated of 2-er-mere vielations a violation of this section within-a-3-year-period is
4	subject to the proof of financial responsibility requirements provided in section 1605.
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8	Sec. 29. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1, \P C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:
10	C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:
12	(1) $\$10,000$ $\$25,000$ for damage to property;
14	(2) $\$29,999$ $\$50,000$ for injury to or death of any one person; and
16 18	(3) $$49_7000 $100,000$ for one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person.
20	Sec. 30. 29-A MRSA §1607, sub-§1, ¶¶A to C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, are amended to
22	read:
24 26	A. When \$20,000 \$50,000 has been credited on a judgment for bodily injury to or death of one person as the result of one accident rendered in excess of that amount;
28	B. Subject to paragraph A, when \$40,000 \$100,000 has been credited on a judgment for bodily injury to or death of 2 or
30	more people as the result of one accident rendered in excess of that amount; or
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34	C. When \$10,000 <u>\$25,000</u> has been credited on a judgment for injury to or destruction of property of others as a result of one accident rendered in excess of that amount.
36	Sec. 31. 29-A MRSA §1612, first ¶, as amended by PL 1995, c.
38	645, Pt. A, §16, is further amended to read:
40	The Secretary of State may not issue a dealer, transporter,
•	loaner, motorcycle dealer or trailer dealer license or
42	registration plates under chapter 9, subchapter I, except to
	equipment dealers or dealers who are only licensed to sell
44	trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of 3,000 pounds or
16	less, and which that do not request dealer registration plates in conjunction with the license, until the applicant has procured
46	and filed with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that

the applicant is covered by an automobile bodily injury and

property damage liability insurance policy providing coverage as set forth in this Title with respect to the plates issued,

approved by the Superintendent of Insurance, insuring against any legal liability in accordance with the terms of that policy for 2 personal injury or death of any one person in the sum of \$100,000 and for any number of persons in the sum of \$300,000 \$100,000 and 4 against property damage in the sum of \$300,000 when injury, death 6 or damage may result from or have been caused by the operation of any vehicle bearing such registration plates. In lieu of that 8 insurance, the applicant may file with the Secretary of State a bond or bonds issued by a surety company authorized to do 1.0 business in the State in the amount of at least \$100,000 on account of injury to or death of any one person and subject to such limits as respects injury to or death of one person; of at 12 least \$300,000 on account of any one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person; and of at least \$390,000 14 \$100,000 for damage to property of others. 16 Sec. 32. 29-A MRSA §2507, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

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1-A. Increased liability insurance requirement. A person seeking early reinstatement of a driver's license under this section shall furnish proof of financial responsibility, demonstrating that the person has secured and will maintain an automobile liability policy with single limits of no less than \$100,000 for the duration of the person's use of an ignition interlock devise. Failure to comply with this insurance requirement makes the person ineligible to participate in the program.

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- Sec. 33. 32 MRSA \$13795, sub-\$1, \PB , as enacted by PL 1995, c. 175, \$1, is amended to read:
 - B. A valid Maine identification card issued under Title 5 29-A, section 88-A 1410;

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Sec. 34. Revenue transfer within International Registration Plan. All International Registration Plan revenues collected in fiscal years 1996-97 and 1997-98 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 531, subsection 6 must be transferred to the account established under Title 29-A, section 533-A.

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SUMMARY

This bill does the following.

1. It repeals the statutory provisions relating to state identification cards.

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- 2. It allows for the issuance of vanity plates on trucks that are registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. It also repeals the language that requires a registrant to have the identical vanity plate prior to applying for a trailer vanity plate.
- 3. It allows the Secretary of State the ability to expand the environmental plate program.
- 10 4. It clarifies the requirement for foreign long-term trailer registrants to have an agent.

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- 5. It establishes a separate account within the Highway
 14 Fund to reimburse municipalities for the difference between
 excise taxes based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price
 16 and the actual purchase price for heavy trucks.
- 18 6. It exempts mobile home dealers from the licensing requirement if they do not wish to hold trailer dealer plates.
 20 If a mobile home dealer wishes to hold trailer dealer plates, all requirements must be met before the license is issued.
- 7. It increases the record of sale retention time from 3 years to 5 years, which mirrors the requirements for other dealers and also meets the standards of the Federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986.
- 8. It makes clear which dealers are exempt from the salvage license fee.
- It adopts an exemption provided in the Federal Motor 32 Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383.3(d)(3)(i), which authorizes states to waive the requirements a commercial driver's license for back-up snow removal 34 drivers employed by eligible units of local government. 36 vehicle must be operated within the boundaries of a city, town, county, district or other unit of local government created pursuant to law that has a total population of 3,000 or less. In 38 addition, the vehicle must be operated by an employee of that local government for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a 40 roadway by plowing, sanding or salting. The exemption applies 42 only when the employee who ordinarily operates the vehicle is unavailable or in need of additional assistance due to snow 44 emergency. This bill does not affect the requirement that the customary operator of the vehicle have a commercial driver's 46 license, nor does it affect other laws and rules concerning the safe operation of commercial vehicles.
 - 10. It allows the State to comply with the anticipated federal enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant

Responsibility Act of 1996. This Act requires, at a minimum, every applicant for a driver's license or other comparable identification document to submit the applicant's social security number and for the State to verify with the federal Social Security Administration that such number is valid.

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- 11. It removes semitrailer from the endorsement fee. A special endorsement is not required for a semitrailer.
- 10 l2. It requires a full-face digital image or a photographic image of the licensee to be displayed on a driver's license.

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- 13. It clarifies that a \$3 fee is charged for a photographic or digitized driver's license.
- 16 14. It gives authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the licensee.
- 20 15. It authorizes the Secretary of State to utilize codes on a license instead of a decal for organ donations.

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- 16. It clarifies that an additional fee of \$3 is required for a photograph or digital image of the licensee.
- 26 17 It clarifies that when any change is made on photograph or digitized driver's license, that license, when issued, is considered a duplicate.
- 18. It makes it clear that a veteran must be permanently, 100% disabled and will coincide with language relating to registrations for disabled veterans.
- 19. It enacts a law stating that the Secretary of State is responsible for the issuance of nondriver identification cards.

 In addition this bill gives authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the nondriver identification card applicant. This bill also establishes an expiration date to ensure that an updated picture of the nondriver identification card holder is displayed on the document and requires social security number.
- 20. It requires a person adjudicated of the offense of failing to produce evidence of insurance to file proof of financial responsibility with the Secretary of State. The bill also increases the minimum amounts of automobile liability insurance coverage.

- 21. It removes the higher coverage from trailer and mobile home dealers and lowers the property damage limits from \$300,000 to \$100,000 for licensed vehicle dealers.
- 22. It requires that the multiple operating-under-the-influence offenders who wish to have their licenses reinstated early under the Ignition Interlock Device Program have automobile liability insurance. These increased limits would better protect the public in the event a program participant is involved in a motor vehicle accident.

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12 23. It requires all International Registration Plan revenues collected in fiscal years 1996-97 and 1997-98 be transferred to a special account.