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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 123RD LEGISLATURE
7 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

8 HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1669,
9 L.D. 2309, Bill, "An Act To Enhance the Security of State Credentials"

10 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 2 to 5.

11 Amend the amendment on page 2 in the 2nd section 6 by striking out all of the 2nd
12 paragraph (page 2, lines 29 to 31 in amendment)

13 Amend the amendment on page 2 in section 7 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line
14 (page 2, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "October" and inserting the
15 following: 'December'

16 Amend the amendment on page 3 by striking out all of section 9 (page 3, lines 8 to 11
17 in amendment) and inserting the following:

18 'Sec. 9. Photographs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A,
19 section 1411, the Secretary of State shall study the most cost-effective way to develop
20 and implement policies and procedures in order to take and maintain photographs of
21 applicants at the time an application for a driver's license or nondriver identification card
22 is submitted. The Secretary of State shall make a written report of findings and
23 recommendations to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
24 having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than October 1, 2009.'

25 Amend the amendment on page 3 by striking out all of section 11 (page 3, lines 22 to
26 34 in amendment)

27 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
28 or section number to read consecutively.

29 SUMMARY

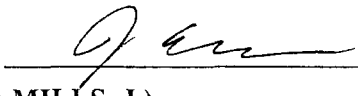
30 This amendment removes the language that increases the fee for a 6-year
31 noncommercial driver's license from \$30 to \$45, for a 4-year noncommercial driver's
32 license from \$21 to \$30 and for licenses issued for the purpose of equalizing the 6-year
33 license renewal cycle from \$5 to \$7.50 multiplied by the number of years for which the
34 license is issued. The amendment also removes the language that provides a schedule of
35 fees for a license issued to a lawfully present noncitizen based on the term of the license.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1669, L.D. 2309

1 The amendment also changes the date by which the Secretary of State shall participate in
2 the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement Program from October 1, 2009
3 to December 1, 2009.

4 The amendment also requires the Secretary of State to study the most cost-effective
5 way to develop and implement policies and procedures in order to take and maintain
6 photographs of applicants and requires the Secretary of State to report its findings and
7 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
8 over transportation matters no later than October 1, 2009.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
10 (See attached)

11 **SPONSORED BY:** 
12 (Representative MILLS, J.)
13 **TOWN: Farmington**



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2309

LR 3634(04)

An Act To Enhance the Security of State Credentials

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " *B* " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Mills, J. of Farmington

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
Highway Fund	\$0	\$1,522,431	\$180,964	\$56,603
Appropriations/Allocations				
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$1,528,944)	(\$1,252,646)	(\$1,377,007)
Revenue				
Highway Fund	\$0	(\$3,051,375)	(\$1,433,610)	(\$1,433,610)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment removes the noncommercial driver's license fee increases, and results in a reduction of Highway Fund revenue of \$3,051,375 in fiscal year 2008-09. It also removes the provision related to developing and implementing a system for taking photographs at the time of application, instead directing the Secretary of State to study the most cost-effective way to implement this procedure, and delays implementation of participation in the Federal verification program to December 1, 2009. The amendment also removes the allocation to the Secretary of State in fiscal year 2008-09 of \$1,528,944.

Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the legal presence sections of the bill will require each person applying for a driver's license to submit, in person, evidence proving legal presence. The bill does not include a Highway Fund allocation for additional staff to handle the increased traffic in the branch offices. This lack of new staff could result in increased waiting times for driver's license applicants.

There will be a cost of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 for one-time programming costs related to implementation of the participation in the Federal verification program. The Secretary of State indicates that a per transaction fee will be charged by the federal Department of Homeland Security for each transaction through this verification program. It is unknown at this time what those transaction costs may be, but it is estimated that they would be at least \$110,000 based upon current traffic through the branch offices beginning in fiscal year 2009-10.